

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

MINUTE NO. 27
3:00 p.m. – Māmwapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Warren Michelson in the Chair and Members D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, Russ Marchuk, John Nilson*, Kevin Phillips, Warren Steinley, Corey Tochor and Trent Wotherspoon*.

Substituting Members

John Nilson for Doyle Vermette (3:00 p.m. - 4:03 p.m. only)

Trent Wotherspoon for Doyle Vermette (7:00 p.m. - 10:34 p.m. only)

Other Members

Cathy Sproule

2. The following document was tabled:

IAJ 21/27 - Ministry of Government Relations: Responses to questions raised at the December 2, 2013 meeting of the committee re: Estimated value of outstanding claims PDAP, dated March 18, 2014.

3. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 148(1), the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on March 27, 2014 and March 19, 2014, respectively:

Vote 30	Government Relations
Vote 3	Justice
Vote 27	Parks, Culture and Sport

4. The committee considered Bill No. 120 – The Lobbyists Act.

The following Justice Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Gordon Wyantt, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services

Jeffery Crawford, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

5. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 29, they were agreed to.
6. It was moved by Mr. Phillips:

That the committee report Bill No. 120 – The Lobbyists Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee recessed from 4:03 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 100 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2013.

The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services

9. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 24, they were agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Steinley:

That the committee report Bill No. 100 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2013 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 116 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2013 (No.2).

The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services

12. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 61, they were agreed to.

13. It was moved by Mr. Tochor:

That the committee report Bill No. 116 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2013 (No.2) – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee considered Bill No. 117 – The Municipalities Consequential Amendment Act, 2013 / Projet de loi no 117 – Loi de 2013 portant modification corrélatrice à la loi intitulée The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2).

The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services

15. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

16. It was moved by Mr. Marchuk:

That the committee report Bill No. 117 – The Municipalities Consequential Amendment Act, 2013 / Projet de loi no 117 – Loi de 2013 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

17. The committee recessed from 9:25 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

18. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations.

The following Government Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister

Al Hilton, Deputy Minister

Keith Comstock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations and Northern Engagement

Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Corporate Services

Duane McKay, Executive Director and Fire Commissioner

Jeff Markewich, Director, Financial Planning

19. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations.

20. The committee adjourned at 10:34 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Warren Michelson
Committee Chair