

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Monday, November 23, 2009

MINUTE NO. 21
7:00 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Warren Michelson in the Chair and Members Greg Brkich, Michael Chisholm, Wayne Elhard, Deb Higgins, Delbert Kirsch, Warren McCall* and Kim Trew.

Substituting Member

Warren McCall for Deb Higgins (9:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. only)

Other Member

Doyle Vermette

2. The following document was tabled:

IAJ 10/26 – Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice: Letter of resignation from Deputy Chair, Deb Higgins, effective June 15, 2009, dated June 15, 2009.

3. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 146(1), the Supplementary Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on November 19, 2009:

Vote 25	First Nations and Métis Relations
Vote 30	Municipal Affairs

4. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister

Van Isman, Deputy Minister

Keith Comstock, Executive Director, Strategy and Sector Relations

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development

Russ Krywulak, Executive Director, Grants Administration and Financial Management

Wanda Lamberti, Executive Director, Central Management Services

Ralph Leibel, Executive Director, Community Planning

Kyle Toffan, Director, Grants Administration

Erin McConnell, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

5. The committee concluded its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sums:

For Municipal Affairs\$20,831,000

6. The committee recessed from 8:40 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
7. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations.

The following First Nations and Métis Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Hutchinson, Minister
Ron Crowe, Deputy Minister
James Froh, Assistant Deputy Minister
Kerry Gray, Director, Finance and Corporate Services

8. A point of order was raised by Mr. Trew, stating that it is in order for Members to ask questions regarding First Nations Gaming Agreements. The point of order was not well taken and the Chair directed that questions relate directly to the Gaming Agreements (FN03) and the requirement for additional funding for reconciliation payments to the First Nations Trust and Community Development Corporations result from audited Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation and Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority net incomes in 2008/09.
9. A point of order was raised by Mr. Taylor relating to the responses given by the Minister. The point of order was not well taken. The point of order was out of order as only committee Members can raise a point of order and the Minister can choose how he wishes to respond to the question.
10. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations.
11. The committee adjourned at 10:30 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Warren Michelson
Committee Chair