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[The committee met at 09:02.]

The Chair: — Okay. Good morning. We will convene the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. I'd like to introduce the members that are here today: Deputy Chair Nerlien, Ms. Lisa Lambert, Mr. Todd Goudy, Mr. Daryl Harrison, Mr. Delbert Kirsch, Ms. Aleana Young.

We have the following items to table: PAC 137-29, Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: Responses to questions raised at the February 5th, 2024 meeting; PAC 138-29, Ministry of Highways: Responses to questions raised at the February 5th, 2024 meeting; PAC 139-29, Ministry of Education: Responses to questions raised at the February 7th, 2024 meeting; PAC 140-29, Ministry of Education: Responses to questions raised at the February 7th, 2024 meeting; PAC 141-29, Ministry of Health: Responses to questions raised at the February 26th, 2024 meeting; PAC 142-29, Ministry of Health: Responses to questions raised at the February 27th, 2024 meeting; PAC 143-29, Ministry of Education: Report of public losses, December 1st, 2023 to February 29th 2024; Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Fourth quarter financial forecast for the year ended March 31st, 2024; PAC 145-29, Ministry of Advanced Education: Report of public losses, January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024; PAC 146-29, Ministry of Health: Report of public losses, January 1, 2024 to March 31st, 2024; PAC 147-29, Ministry of Finance: Report of public losses, January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024.

Okay, folks, we'll now move along to the consideration of attendance at the CCPAC/CCOLA [Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees/Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors] conference in Quebec, Quebec, September 8th to 10th, 2024.

Of course we participate in this conference every year. It's the one opportunity that brings together the Public Accounts committees from across Canada and our respective council, CCPAC, along with the auditors from across Canada, each of the respective provinces and territories and the national government, along with the Clerks of the committees for each of those public accounts for both the federal government and the respective provinces and territories across the country.

And so we've participated in the past each and every year to various levels depending on a few different factors, on schedule and whatnot. But it's — from my perspective and, I think, those that have had the opportunity to participate — one of the most constructive opportunities to grow and develop and strengthen our abilities to be effective as a Public Accounts Committee.

Not seeing any other comments or questions on that, I'd welcome a member to move the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the Chair, the Deputy Chair, one government member of the committee, one opposition member of the committee to attend the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees, CCPAC, and Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors, CCOLA, annual conference to be held in Quebec, Quebec from September 8th to the 10th, 2024; and further,

That if the Chair or Deputy Chair or opposition member cannot attend, they be authorized to designate another committee member to attend in their place.

Someone care to move that? Moved by Deputy Chair Nerlien. Is that all agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — All right, that's carried.

We have one other matter of business before us here today, and that's to consider the draft fourth report. The report covers all of the activities of the committee between May 10th, 2023 to May 8th, 2024. I've got copies here. I want to thank the Clerks for all of their work in compiling the report. It's a substantive report and simply a straightforward accounting or reporting of all of our activities.

Any questions or comments about the report itself? Not seeing any, I would welcome someone to move a motion:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Ms. Lambert: — I move.

The Chair: — Moved by Ms. Lambert. All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. I'd welcome a motion of adjournment at this point. Moved by Mr. Harrison. All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — This committee stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 09:08.]