

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

May 28, 2003

MINUTE NO. 35

9:30 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Krawetz in the Chair and Members Atkinson, Gantefer, Harper, McCall, Prebble, Stewart, Wakefield and Yates.

Substituting Members

Mr. Prebble for Mr. Goulet

Mr. Yates for Ms. Junor

Other Member

Ms. Bakken

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Brian Atkinson, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Bashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Rodd Jersak, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 16 (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation) of the *2002 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Mr. Jersak of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ray Clayton, President

Debbie Koshman, Vice President, Corporate Support Services

Phil Lambert, Vice President / Chief Information Officer, Information Technology

Dave Bryanton, Director, Accommodation Services

Norm Drummond, Comptroller

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-1 made at page 380 of Chapter 16 (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation) of the *2002 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation should approve a written and tested disaster recovery plan. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
4. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-2 made at page 380 of Chapter 16 (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation) of the *2002 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation should improve its future annual reports by describing the extent to which it has achieved its plans.

5. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 7 (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *1999 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor*, *2000 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Chapter 7 (Liquor and Gaming Authority and Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc.) of the *2001 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, and Chapter 6 (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2002 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.
Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Sandra Morgan, President and Chief Executive Officer
Cheryl Hanson, Vice President, Gaming Operations Division
Barry Lacey, Vice President, Corporate Services Division
Dale Markewich, Vice President, Regulatory Compliance Division
Paul Weber, Vice President, Operations Division
Faye Rafter, Executive Director, Compliance Branch
Lisa Ann Wood, Executive Director, Human Relations Division
Fiona Cribb, Manager, Policy and Legislation Branch
Brian Keith, Executive Assistant to the President and CEO

6. The following document was tabled by Ms. Morgan:

PAC 35/24 – Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Status Report – Provincial Auditor's Recommendations relating to SIGA as outlined in the 1999 Spring Report, 2000, 2001, 2002 Fall Reports (Volume 2)

7. The committee concurred with recommendation 6A-1 made at page 130 of Chapter 6A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2002 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority should ensure that SIGA's Board prepares and communicates its long-term strategic direction to management; and that SIGA prepares and submits for approval a complete business and financial plan setting out performance targets. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority and SIGA are making progress towards complying with the recommendation. It is the committee's expectation that compliance will be achieved by January 2004.
8. The committee recessed from 10:45 a.m. until 10:55 a.m.
9. The committee concurred with recommendation 6A-4 made at page 131 of Chapter 6A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2002 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority should frequently audit SIGA's operations to ensure that SIGA is complying with the Framework and Casino Operating Agreements, and that SIGA incurs and deducts only reasonable expenses from public money. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority and SIGA are making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

10. The committee considered its agenda for the May 29th meeting. It was agreed to postpone consideration of the Department of Finance and to instead continue with the consideration of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority and the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority.
11. The committee adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2003.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Ken Krawetz
Committee Chair