

# **STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**April 21, 2004**

## **MINUTE NO. 1**

**10:30 a.m. - Room 8**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Dearborn\*, Hagel, Hart, Trew and Yates.

### **Substituting Members**

Mr. Dearborn for Mr. Krawetz

### **Provincial Auditor's Office**

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Brian Atkinson, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Rodd Jersak, Principal

### **Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The clerk presided over the election of a chair. Mr. Borgerson nominated Mr. Hermanson for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Borgerson:

That Elwin Hermanson be elected to preside as chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

3. The chair presided over the election of a deputy chair. Mr. Hart nominated Mr. Borgerson for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Hart:

That Lon Borgerson be elected to preside as deputy chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

4. The committee then proceeded to appoint a steering committee. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised Elwin Hermanson, Lon Borgerson and the committee clerk;

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the chair; that the presence of all members of the sub-committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Public Accounts Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

5. The committee next considered the broadcasting of its proceedings. It was moved by Mr.Hart:

That pursuant to Rule 119(2), the committee authorizes the broadcast of its public proceedings.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was carried.

It was noted that the proceedings would be broadcast live throughout the province, except in the city of Regina. The committee directed the clerk to investigate what options exist to have the proceedings broadcast within the city of Regina.

6. The committee clerk provided an orientation of the committee's mandate and general operating practices.
7. The Provincial Auditor and his officials provided an overview of his office's role and responsibilities with regard to the Public Accounts Committee.
8. The Provincial Comptroller then provided an overview of his office's role and responsibilities with regard to the Public Accounts Committee.
9. The committee considered its meeting times. It was agreed that the committee would schedule regular weekly meetings during the legislative session on Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:55 a.m. The steering committee was directed to identify the agenda for these meetings.
10. The committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to the call of the chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Elwin Hermanson  
Committee Chair