

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

May 9, 2006

MINUTE NO. 33

10:30 a.m. - Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Cheveldayoff, Crofford, D'Autremont*, Prebble * and Trew.

Substituting Members

Mr. D'Autremont for Mr. Chisholm
Mr. Prebble for Mr. Iwanchuk

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor
Rod Grabarczyk, Principal
Kim Lowe, Principal
Carolyn O'Quinn, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 7 (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Grabarczyk of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

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

Witnesses

Sandra Morgan, President and Chief Executive Officer
Barry Lacey, Vice President, Corporate Services Branch
Jim Engel, Executive Director, Policy and Planning Division
Paul Weber, Vice President, Retail Operations Division
Dale Markewich, Vice President, Regulatory Compliance Division
Jolene Tytlandsvik, Vice President, Gaming Operations Division
Lisa Ann Wood, Executive Director, Human Relations Division
Faye Rafter, Executive Director, Compliance Branch
Warren Fry, Director, Casino Operations Branch, Gaming Operations Division
Tyler Lloyd, Executive Assistant to the President and Chief Executive Officer

3. The following document was tabled:

PAC 38/25 – Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Chart outlining the Provincial Auditor's recommendations and related SLGA actions, in regards to Chapter 7A of the 2005 Report (volume 3).

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-1 made at page 173 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Board of Directors of the Liquor and Gaming Authority should approve the information technology strategic plan. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-2 made at page 173 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Board of Directors of the Liquor and Gaming Authority should approve the information technology policies and procedures. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-3 made at page 174 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should prepare and the Board of Directors should approve a complete business continuity plan. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-4 made at page 181 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should clearly set out what work the regional managers must do and how and what they must document for their store visits. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority has complied with the recommendation.
8. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-5 made at page 181 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should train and direct its supervisory staff to help supervise the work of other employees. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority has complied with the recommendation.
9. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-6 made at page 181 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should train its employees to help establish a culture of fraud awareness. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
10. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-7 made at page 182 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should require all employees to confirm they understand and comply with its code of conduct and conflict of interest policies. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
11. The committee concurred with recommendation 7A-8 made at page 183 of Chapter 15A (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should establish a process to ensure its employees share pertinent operational and financial information with each other. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
12. The committee adjourned at 11:46 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair