

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

October 31, 2006

MINUTE NO. 37

10:30 a.m. - Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Cheveldayoff, Chisholm, Crofford, Iwanchuk and Trew.

Other Member

Mr. D'Autremont

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor
Bashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Mark Anderson, Principal
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 following document was tabled:

PAC 45/25 Department of Finance: Reporting of public losses for the period from July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, dated October 23, 2006.

PAC 46/25 Department of Community Resources: Response to questions raised at the October 5, 2006 meeting of the committee, re: departmental records concerning the Oyate Safe House, dated October 25, 2006.

3. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 7B (Saskatchewan Indian and Gaming Authority) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* and Chapter 7 (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Mr. Ahmad 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

Barry Lacey, Acting President & Chief Executive Officer
Jim Engel, Executive Director, Policy and Planning Division
Jolene Tytlandsvik, Vice President, Gaming Operations Division
Dale Markewich, Vice President, Regulatory Compliance Division
Paul Weber, Vice President, Retail Operations Division
Lisa Ann Wood, Executive Director, Human Relations Division

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 7B-1 made at page 195 of Chapter 15B (Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc.) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that management should review and the Board should approve an information technology strategic plan for the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 7B-2 made at page 195 of Chapter 15B (Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc.) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc.'s Board of Directors should approve the information technology policies and procedures. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The committee concurred with recommendation 7-1 made at page 94 of Chapter 7 (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should formally assign responsibility for encouraging responsible use of beverage alcohol. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 7-2 made at page 94 of Chapter 7 (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should prepare a complete plan for encouraging responsible use of beverage alcohol. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
8. The committee concurred with recommendation 7-3 made at page 95 of Chapter 7 (Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority should continue to research and develop performance measures and targets to evaluate its performance in encouraging responsible use of beverage alcohol. The committee noted that the Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
9. The committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7th.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Elwin Hermanson
Committee Chair