

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

February 23, 2007

## MINUTE NO. 42

9:30 a.m. - Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Hermanson in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Chisholm, Crofford, D'Autremont\*, Hamilton\* and Harper\*.

### **Substituting Members**

Mr. D'Autremont for Mr. Cheveldayoff

Ms. Hamilton for Mr. Iwanchuk

Mr. Harper for Mr. Trew

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

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Brian Atkinson, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Mobashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Angèle Borys, Principal – Support Services

Rod Grabarczyk, Principal

Kim Lowe, Principal

Sandy Walker, Manager – Administration

Heather Tomlin, Data Systems Administrator

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

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 50/25 Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority:** Response to question raised at the October 31, 2006 meeting of the committee, re: Inter-jurisdictional comparisons of alcohol related harm indicators, Canadian Addiction Survey – Highlights summary, and Canadian Addiction Survey – Detailed Report, dated January 16, 2007.

**PAC 51/25 Department of Finance:** Reporting of public losses for the period from October 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, dated February 1, 2007.

3. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 6 (Workers' Compensation Board) 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 Workers' Compensation Board officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

### Witnesses

John Solomon, Chairman

Peter Federko, Chief Executive Officer

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 6-1 made at page 85 of Chapter 6 (Workers' Compensation Board) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Workers' Compensation Board should establish processes to accurately determine and record its investment income. The committee noted that the Workers' Compensation Board has complied with the recommendation.

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 6-2 made at page 85 of Chapter 6 (Workers' Compensation Board) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Workers' Compensation Board should include written explanations of all significant differences between planned and actual results in its monthly financial reports. The committee noted that the Workers' Compensation Board is has complied with the recommendation.
6. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 24 (Standing Committee on Public Accounts) of the *2005 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Ms. Lowe of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.
7. The committee proceeded to consider the Business and Financial Plan of the Office of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 2008. Mr. Wendel provided an overview of the plan and answered questions.

8. It was moved by Mr. Borgerson:

That the 2007-2008 Estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28, subvote PA01 – Provincial Auditor) be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$5,968,000.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. It was moved by Mr. Borgerson:

That the 2007-2008 Estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28, subvote PA02 – Unforeseen Expenses) be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$392,000.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Borgerson:

That the Estimates as approved be forwarded to the Speaker as Chair of the Board of Internal Economy, pursuant to section 10.1(4) of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. The committee adjourned at 11:41 a.m. to call of the chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Elwin Hermanson  
Committee Chair