

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**Tuesday, August 28, 2012**

**MINUTE NO. 5**  
**1:01 p.m. – Māmawapiwin Room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the Chair and Members Jennifer Campeau, Herb Cox, Warren Michelson, Scott Moe and Corey Tochor.

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Bonnie Lysyk, Provincial Auditor  
Mobashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor  
Mark Anderson, Executive Director  
Tara Clemett, Principal  
Jane Knox, Principal  
Kim Lowe, Principal

**Provincial Comptroller's Office**

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

2. The following documents were tabled:

**PAC 14/27 – Ministry of Finance:** Reporting of public losses for the period from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, dated August 3, 2012.

**PAC 15/27 – Ministry of Health:** Reporting of public losses for the period from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, dated August 3, 2012.

3. The Chair advised the committee that pursuant to Rule 141(2), the following report was deemed referred to the committee:

*Office of the Provincial Auditor Annual Report on Operations for the Year Ended March 31, 2012* (July 18, 2012).

4. The committee considered Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Health and Prairie North Regional Health Authority officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister  
Bruce Murray, Senior Medical Officer, Prairie North Health Region

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-1 made at page 114 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority monitor whether its processes for granting medical privileges are aligned with its Practitioner Staff Bylaws and take action to ensure consistent processes across the

region. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.

6. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-2 made at page 114 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority clarify the responsibilities of the chief of medical staff and committees in each hospital for granting medical privileges. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-3 made at page 115 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority set requirements for granting medical privileges to physicians doing special procedures such as anaesthesia or practicing as specialists in the region. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
8. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-4 made at page 116 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority consistently require physicians to submit complete applications with the documentation required by its Practitioner Staff Bylaws before granting medical privileges. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
9. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-5 made at page 117 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority conduct reference checks for physicians applying to practice medicine in its hospitals for the first time. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
10. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-6 made at page 117 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority approve, amend, or revoke recommended medical privileges at the Board's next regular meeting as required by its Practitioner Staff Bylaws and inform the Board of any temporary medical privileges granted. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
11. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-7 made at page 118 of Chapter 10 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority analyze whether physicians complied with the medical privileges granted and revise medical privileges as necessary. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
12. The committee considered Chapter 14F (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Health, Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority and Prairie North Regional Health Authority officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister

Cecile Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, Prince Albert Parkland Health Region  
Bruce Murray, Senior Medical Officer, Prairie North Health Region

13. The committee concurred with recommendation 14F-1 made at page 314 of Chapter 14 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority assign an appropriate chairperson for its Regional Infection Prevention and Control Committee (other than its Infection Control Coordinators). The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
14. The committee concurred with recommendation 14F-2 made at page 314 of Chapter 14 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority clarify the accountability and responsibility of its Infection Control Coordinators. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
15. The committee concurred with recommendation 14F-3 made at page 316 of Chapter 14 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority complete the development of a formal training plan for infection prevention and control that is suitable for its organization, services, and client population. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
16. The committee concurred with recommendation 14F-4 made at page 317 of Chapter 14 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority formalize its processes to monitor and report consistently its key practices to control hospital-acquired infections. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
17. The committee concurred with recommendation 14F-5 made at page 319 of Chapter 14 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority monitor and report additional hospital-acquired infections after analyzing risks to patients and costs to the healthcare system. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
18. The committee concurred with recommendation 14F-6 made at page 320 of Chapter 14 (Prairie North Regional Health Authority: Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority regularly provide to senior management a written analysis of emerging risks based on trends and causes of hospital-acquired infections. The committee noted that the Prairie North Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
19. The committee considered Chapter 11 (Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk and Ms. Clemett of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Health and Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister

Cecile Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, Prince Albert Parkland Health Region

20. The committee concurred with recommendation 11-1 made at page 125 of Chapter 11 (Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority monitor whether its information technology service providers meet its security requirements. The committee noted that the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
21. The committee concurred with recommendation 11-2 made at page 127 of Chapter 11 (Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority restrict physical access to information technology systems and data. The committee noted that the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
22. The committee concurred with recommendation 11-3 made at page 128 of Chapter 11 (Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority maintain an up-to-date and tested disaster recovery plan based on a threat and risk assessment. The committee noted that the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
23. The committee considered Chapter 14C (Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Health and Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister

Carol Klassen, Vice President, Knowledge and Technology Services, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region

24. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 14C (Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.
25. The committee considered Chapter 14E (Saskatchewan Cancer Agency) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Health and Saskatchewan Cancer Agency officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister

Michele Arscott, Chief Financial Officer, Saskatchewan Cancer Agency

26. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 14E (Saskatchewan Cancer Agency) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.

27. The committee recessed from 2:32 p.m. until 2:43 p.m.
28. The committee considered Chapter 20 (Social Services) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Social Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ken Acton, Deputy Minister  
Alan Syhlonyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services  
Bob Wihlidal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance and Disability Services  
Andrea Brittin, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services  
Lorne Brown, Executive Director, Enterprise Projects and Risk Management, Corporate Services  
Miriam Myers, Executive Director, Finance and Administration  
Wayne Phaneuf, Executive Director, Child and Family Community Services  
Garry Prediger, Executive Director, Child and Family Service Delivery  
Gord Tweed, Executive Director, Program and Service Design, Income Assistance and Disability Services  
Natalie Huber, Acting Executive Director, Program and Service Design, Child and Family Services  
Devon Exner, Director, Service Delivery, Income Assistance and Disability Services  
Leeane Forgie, Director, Finance, Corporate Services  
Billie-Jo Morrisette, Director, Program Design and Operational Policy, Income Assistance and Disability Services

29. The committee concurred with recommendation 20-1 made at page 328 of Chapter 20 (Social Services) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Social Services provide regular security awareness training to employees to help ensure premises and equipment are adequately secured. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.
30. The committee concurred with recommendation 20-2 made at page 328 of Chapter 20 (Social Services) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Social Services follow its policies for removing access to information for terminated and transferred employees. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.
31. The committee concurred with recommendation 20-3 made at page 328 of Chapter 20 (Social Services) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Social Services establish a process to track movement of confidential information and files. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services has complied with the recommendation.
32. The committee considered Chapter 24 (Social Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Social Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ken Acton, Deputy Minister

Alan Syhlonyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Bob Wihlidal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance and Disability Services

Andrea Brittin, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services

Lorne Brown, Executive Director, Enterprise Projects and Risk Management, Corporate Services

Miriam Myers, Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Wayne Phaneuf, Executive Director, Child and Family Community Services

Garry Prediger, Executive Director, Child and Family Service Delivery

Gord Tweed, Executive Director, Program and Service Design, Income Assistance and Disability Services

Natalie Huber, Acting Executive Director, Program and Service Design, Child and Family Services

Devon Exner, Director, Service Delivery, Income Assistance and Disability Services

Leeane Forgie, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

Billie-Jo Morrisette, Director, Program Design and Operational Policy, Income Assistance and Disability Services

33. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 24 (Social Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.
34. The committee considered Chapter 19 (Social Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Social Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ken Acton, Deputy Minister

Alan Syhlonyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Bob Wihlidal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance and Disability Services

Andrea Brittin, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services

Lorne Brown, Executive Director, Enterprise Projects and Risk Management, Corporate Services

Miriam Myers, Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Wayne Phaneuf, Executive Director, Child and Family Community Services

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Devon Exner, Director, Service Delivery, Income Assistance and Disability Services

Leeane Forgie, Director, Finance, Corporate Services

Billie-Jo Morrisette, Director, Program Design and Operational Policy, Income Assistance and Disability Services

35. The committee concurred with recommendation 19-1 made at page 201 of Chapter 19 (Social Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation take steps to ensure information technology disaster recovery procedures are tested. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
36. The committee recessed from 3:31 p.m. until 3:41 p.m.

37. The committee considered Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Central Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister

Al Mullen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Project Management and Delivery

Richard Murray, Assistant Deputy Minister, Property Management

Shelley Reddekopp, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

38. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-1 made at page 64 of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Government Services specify in its policy documents the requirement to prepare an overall accommodation plan, including a risk assessment. The committee noted that the Ministry of Government Services has complied with the recommendation.
39. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-2 made at page 65 of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Government Services regularly request information from clients on their future accommodation needs. The committee noted that the Ministry of Government Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
40. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-3 made at page 65 of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Government Services identify the gap between its existing accommodation portfolio and future accommodation needs. The committee noted that the Ministry of Government Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
41. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-4 made at page 66 of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Government Services verify staffing information provided by its clients for the Ministry's buildings. The committee noted that the Ministry of Government Services has complied with the recommendation.
42. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-5 made at page 66 of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Government Services develop an overall accommodation plan. The committee noted that the Ministry of Government Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
43. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-6 made at page 67 of Chapter 5 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Government Services monitor and report on implementation of an overall accommodation plan. The committee noted that the Ministry of Government Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

44. The committee considered Chapter 13 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Mr. Anderson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Central Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Dedman, Deputy Minister

Al Mullen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Project Management and Delivery

Richard Murray, Assistant Deputy Minister, Property Management

Shelley Reddekopp, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

45. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 13 (Government Services) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.

46. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 16/27 – Saskatchewan Research Council:** Correspondence regarding the Provincial Auditor's 2011 Report – Volume 1 (Chapter 15), dated June 6, 2012.

47. The committee considered Chapter 15 (Saskatchewan Research Council) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

48. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 15 (Saskatchewan Research Council) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.

49. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 17/27 – Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board:** Correspondence regarding the Provincial Auditor's 2011 Report – Volume 1 (Chapter 21), dated June 14, 2012.

50. The committee considered Chapter 21 (Workers' Compensation Board) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Lysyk and Ms. Lowe of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

51. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 21 (Workers' Compensation Board) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.

52. The committee considered Chapter 27 (Standing Committee on Public Accounts) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Lysyk and Ms. Lowe of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

53. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 27 (Standing Committee on Public Accounts) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.



54. It was moved by Mr. Tochor:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

55. The committee adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Stacey Ursulescu  
Committee Clerk

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Trent Wotherspoon  
Committee Chair