

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

**MINUTE NO. 22**  
**9:01 a.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Danielle Chartier in the Chair and Members Larry Doke, Glen Hart, Paul Merriman, Warren Michelson, Rob Norris, Randy Weekes and Trent Wotherspoon.

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Judy Ferguson, Acting Provincial Auditor  
Kelly Deis, Deputy Provincial Auditor  
Tara Clemett, Principal  
Charlene Drotar, Principal  
Kim Lowe, Principal  
Victor Schwab, Principal

**Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch  
Jane Borland, Manager, Financial Management Branch  
Lori Taylor, Manager, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 39/27 – Steering Committee:** First Report of the Steering Committee, Provincial Auditor Selection Process, dated September 23, 2014.

3. The committee considered the First Report of the Steering Committee. It was moved by Mr. Merriman:

That the First Report of the Steering Committee be adopted;

And that the Steering Committee be authorized to make decisions on process and procedure relating to the selection of a Provincial Auditor;

And that if a non-committee member is unable to participate in the process, the steering committee shall be authorized to select another LAS employee or subject matter specialist.

A debate arising, and the question being put, it was agreed to.

4. The committee considered Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Chapter 4 (Corrections and Policing) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, and Chapter 14 (Justice) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Deis of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapters.

The following Justice officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

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Dale McFee, Deputy Minister, Corrections and Policing  
Dennis Cooley, Associate Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services

Monica Field, Executive Director, Strategic Systems and Innovation  
Dale Larsen, Executive Director, Policing and Community Safety Services  
Rick Peach, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Police Commission  
Brian Rector, Executive Director, Research and Evidence Based Excellence  
Doris Schnell, Executive Director, Offender Services  
Heather Scriver, Executive Director, Custody Services  
Dave Tulloch, Executive Director, Corporate Services  
Clinton Griffiths, Director, Risk Management and Audit

5. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, and Chapter 14 (Justice) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.
6. The committee considered Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* and Chapter 28 (Justice – Community Rehabilitation of Adult Offenders Follow Up) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Deis of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapters.

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7. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-1 made at page 37 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing consistently follow its policy requiring risk assessments and case plans for adult offenders to be completed with six weeks of starting community sentences. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
8. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-2 made at page 37 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing consistently follow its policy to use integrated case plans for adult offenders that coordinate rehabilitation strategies between the community and provincial correctional centres. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
9. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-3 made at page 38 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing consistently follow its supervision policy for high-risk adult offenders in the community to have required contacts with probation officers or alternates. The

committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

10. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-4 made at page 39 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing use criteria to select rehabilitation services provided by other agencies and evaluate if high-risk adult offenders in the community benefit from these services. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice has complied with the recommendation.
11. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-5 made at page 40 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing monitor whether high-risk adult offenders have timely access to priority community rehabilitation programs. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice has complied with the recommendation.
12. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-6 made at page 40 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing consistently follow its case management policy to prepare regular progress reports for adult offenders in the community. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
13. The committee concurred with recommendation 3-7 made at page 40 of Chapter 3 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing establish a policy to evaluate rehabilitation programs for high-risk adult offenders in the community. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
14. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 28 (Justice – Community Rehabilitation of Adult Offenders Follow Up) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.
15. The committee considered Chapter 45 (Justice – Monitoring Municipal Policing) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Deis of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

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16. The committee resumed consideration of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.

17. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-1 made at page 89 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing and the Saskatchewan Police Commission have a written agreement that sets out their respective roles and responsibilities for promoting adequate and effective policing throughout Saskatchewan. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
18. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-2 made at page 89 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing ensure that the Saskatchewan Police Commission has adequate resources to fulfil its mandate under *The Police Act, 1990*. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice has complied with the recommendation.
19. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-3 made at page 89 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Police Commission in partnership with the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety, and Policing develop strategic and operational plans for effective monitoring of municipal policing. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
20. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-4 made at page 90 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Police Commission ensure policies and procedures of municipal police services comply with the Saskatchewan Police Commission's policy manual. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Police Commission has complied with the recommendation.
21. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-5 made at page 91 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Police Commission meet regularly as planned to carry out its roles and responsibilities. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Police Commission has complied with the recommendation.
22. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-6 made at page 92 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2011 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Saskatchewan Police Commission and Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety, and Policing implement a process for monitoring compliance with municipal policing standards and ensure action is taken to address non-compliance. The committee noted that the Ministry of Justice is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
23. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 45 (Justice – Monitoring Municipal Policing) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.
24. The committee recessed from 11:03 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
25. The committee considered Chapter 13 (Information Technology Office) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* and Chapter 4 (Central Services) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Schwab of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapters.

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

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Richard Murray, Acting Deputy Minister  
Andre Laberge, Executive Director, Property Management  
Derek Collins, Director, Central Vehicle Agency  
Rebecca Sengmany, Director, Financial Services  
Troy Smith, Director, Financial Services  
Crystal Zorn, Director, IT Security

26. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 13 (Information Technology Office) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* and considered Chapter 4 (Central Services) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*.
27. The committee considered Chapter 36 (Central Services – Fleet Management) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Chapter 17 (Central Services – Building Maintenance) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*, and Chapter 18 (Central Services – Planning Accommodation) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Schwab of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapters.

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29. The committee considered Chapter 37 (Justice and Information Technology Office – Protecting Saskatchewan Data) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Chapter 38 (Information Technology Office – Measuring Benefits of IT Consolidation) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Chapter 29 (Information Technology Office – Annual Security Audit) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*, Chapter 11 (Information Technology Office – Annual Security Audit) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* and Chapter 7 (Central Services - Information Technology Division – Data Centre) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Schwab of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapters.

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31. The committee concurred with recommendation 29-1 made at page 223 of Chapter 29 (Information Technology Office – Annual Security Audit) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Information Technology Office of the Ministry of Central Services adequately restrict access to client systems and data. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office of the Ministry of Central Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
32. The committee concurred with recommendation 29-2 made at page 224 of Chapter 29 (Information Technology Office – Annual Security Audit) of the *2012 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Information Technology Office of the Ministry of Central Services adequately configure and update its server and network equipment to protect them from security threats. The committee noted that the Information Technology Office of the Ministry of Central Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
33. The committee concluded consideration of Chapter 11 (Information Technology Office – Annual Security Audit) of the *2013 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*.
34. The committee concurred with recommendation 7-1 made at page 41 of Chapter 7 (Central Services - Information Technology Division – Data Centre) of the *2014 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Information Technology Division of the Ministry of Central Services follow its established processes to identify and manage risks related to the data centre. The committee noted that the Information Technology Division of the Ministry of Central Services has complied with the recommendation.
35. It was moved by Mr. Norris:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
36. The committee adjourned at 2:08 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Kathy Burianyk  
Committee Clerk

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Danielle Chartier  
Committee Chair