

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

MINUTE NO. 39
8:01 a.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Danielle Chartier in the Chair and Members Glen Hart, Victoria Jurgens*, Russ Marchuk, Warren Michelson, Warren Steinley*, Randy Weekes and Trent Wotherspoon.

Substituting Members

Victoria Jurgens for Rob Norris
Warren Steinley for Larry Doke

Provincial Auditor's Office

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor
Regan Sommerfeld, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Kim Lowe, Principal
Mark Anderson, Executive Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

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

2. The committee considered Chapter 16 (SaskBuilds — Evaluating Potential Use of P3s) of the *2015 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Sommerfeld of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

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

Witnesses

Rupen Pandya, President and Chief Executive Officer
Lisa Boire, Executive Vice President, Operations
Teresa Florizone, Vice President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Donna-Joy Tuplin, Executive Director, Finance

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-1 made at page 190 of Chapter 16 (SaskBuilds — Evaluating Potential Use of P3s) of the *2015 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that SaskBuilds specify the minimum content required in its public value-for-money report that it is to publish after the Government signs an agreement with the successful bidder (i.e., financial close). The committee noted that SaskBuilds has complied with the recommendation.
4. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-2 made at page 191 of Chapter 16 (SaskBuilds — Evaluating Potential Use of P3s) of the *2015 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that SaskBuilds require release of public value-for-money reports related to infrastructure projects within timeframes consistent with those set out in *The Executive Government Administration Act*. The committee noted that SaskBuilds has complied with the recommendation.
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-3 made at page 195 of Chapter 16 (SaskBuilds — Evaluating Potential Use of P3s) of the *2015 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that SaskBuilds specify, at the start of its evaluation, the minimum estimated savings that a P3 approach must demonstrate over a conventional approach before it recommends to the Government to sign an

agreement with a successful bidder. The committee noted that SaskBuilds is making progress towards compliance with the recommendation.

6. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-4 made at page 199 of Chapter 16 (SaskBuilds — Evaluating Potential Use of P3s) of the *2015 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that SaskBuilds assemble and make available to all risk workshop participants key empirical data to facilitate better evaluation of infrastructure project risks, calculate related costs, and support decisions. The committee noted that SaskBuilds has complied with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 16-5 made at page 200 of Chapter 16 (SaskBuilds — Evaluating Potential Use of P3s) of the *2015 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that SaskBuilds leverage its analysis of value-for-money for infrastructure projects to evaluate and include feasible benefits and efficiencies in future public sector conventional procurement approaches. The committee noted that SaskBuilds has complied with the recommendation.
8. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee adjourned at 9:02 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Danielle Chartier
Committee Chair