

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

**MINUTE NO. 1**

**11:31 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Fred Bradshaw, Marv Friesen, Todd Goudy, Delbert Kirsch, Hugh Nerlien, and Aleana Young.

2. The Committee Clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Wotherspoon was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That Trent Wotherspoon be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Mr. Bradshaw was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That Fred Bradshaw be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

4. It was moved by Mr. Friesen:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and Deputy Chair; and further,

That the steering committee shall meet from time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair, that the presence of all members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be permitted on the steering committee.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The following documents were tabled:

Ministry of Finance: report of public losses January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020

(PAC 1-29)

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 1st quarter report 2020-21

(PAC 2-29)

Ministry of Health: report of public losses January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020

(PAC 3-29)

Ministry of Health: report of public losses April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020

(PAC 4-29)

- Ministry of Finance: report of public losses April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 (PAC 5-29)
- Ministry of Advanced Education: report of public losses April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 (PAC 6-29)
- Ministry of Advanced Education: report of public losses July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 (PAC 7-29)
- Ministry of Finance: report of public losses July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 (PAC 8-29)
- Ministry of Health: report of public losses July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 (PAC 9-29)
- Ministry of Education: report of public losses June 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 (PAC 10-29)
- Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2nd quarter report 2020-21 (PAC 11-29)

6. The Chair advised that pursuant to rule 142(2), the following documents were committed to the committee:

- Government of Saskatchewan: 2019–20 public accounts volume 2, general revenue fund details (Sessional paper no. 14)
- Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Business and financial plan for the year ended March 31, 2022 (Sessional paper no. 27)
- Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: 2020 report volume 2 (Sessional paper no. 43)

7. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's annual report for the year ended March 31, 2020.

The Provincial Auditor and the following official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Judy Ferguson, Provincial Auditor  
Angèle Borys, Deputy Provincial Auditor and Chief Operating Officer

8. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's annual report for the year ended March 31, 2020.
9. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor's business and financial plan for the year ended March 31, 2022.

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10. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the 2021–22 estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor, vote 28, Provincial Auditor (PA01) be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$8,344,000.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the 2021–22 estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor, vote 28, unforeseen expenses (PA02) be approved, as submitted, in the amount of \$568,000.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the 2021–22 estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor, 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, it was agreed to.

13. The committee concluded consideration of the Provincial Auditor's business and financial plan for the year ended March 31, 2022.

14. It was moved by Mr. Friesen:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee adjourned at 12:11 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Rob Park  
Committee Clerk

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Trent Wotherspoon  
Chair