

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
May 16, 1985

MINUTE NO. 11
May 16, 1985 at 8:45 a.m.

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Shillington in the Chair, and Members Glauser, Katzman, Meagher, Muller, Sveinson, Weiman

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
A. Martens, Audit Manager
B. Mackenzie, Price Waterhouse

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Comptroller

2. An *in camera* briefing session regarding today's agenda was held.

3. **Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation**

Witnesses

E.W. Lawrence, Acting General Manager
D. Binkley, Acting Manager of Finance & Administration
F. Hachey, Accounting & Office Supervisor
I. Angell, Ministerial Assistant

4. The Committee requested the Clerk to determine if the attendance of Ministerial Assistants as witnesses to this committee is in order.
5. Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation: Hearing completed

6. **Public Hearing: Department of Highways and Transportation**

Witnesses

Jack Sutherland, Deputy Minister
Myron Herasymuk, Executive Director, Operations Division
Al Schwartz, Executive Director, Support Services Division
Erich Finkeldey, Financial Consultant, Financial Services Branch
Paul Landry, Vice-Chairman, Highway Traffic Board
Al Massier, Director, Management Services Branch
Ivan Millard, Budget Control Officer

7. The Committee flagged an issue respecting the costing procedure of personalized license plates for the year under review.
8. The Committee requested the Deputy Minister of the Department of Highways and Transportation to send the Clerk for distribution to the Committee a list of all Department contracts over \$100,000 that were not tendered and an explanation why they were not for the year under review.

9. The Committee requested the Deputy Minister of the Department of Highways and Transportation to send the Clerk for distribution to the Committee, the cost of the ice crossing at Riverhurst for the year under review.
10. The Committee requested the Deputy Minister of the Department of Highways and Transportation to send the Clerk for distribution to the Committee, the number of vehicles that used the Uranium City winter road for the year under review.
11. A point of order was raised by the Member for Saskatoon Mayfair that the contents of a letter referred to by the Member for Regina North West are not in the year under review. The Chairman ruled that the point of order was well taken.
12. Department of Highways and Transportation: Hearing completed.
13. The Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until Wednesday, May 22, 1985 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 10.

Agenda:

Wednesday, May 22

1. Department of Revenue and Financial Services (Mr. Glauser)
2. Department of Social Services (Mr. Shillington)
3. Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (Mr. Meagher)

Thursday, May 23

1. Saskatchewan Transportation Company (Mr. Weiman)
2. Department of Agriculture (Mr. Engel)
3. Department of Rural Development (Mr. Katzman)

Wednesday, May 29

1. Saskatchewan Government Insurance (Mr. Morin)
2. Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Mr. Young)
3. Department of Finance (Mr. Engel)

Craig James
Committee Clerk

E.B. Shillington
Chairman

PROGRESS

The following departments, boards, commissions, agencies, or crown corporations have been selected for committee scrutiny, pursuant to issues raised in the 1984 Provincial Auditor's Report, the Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan and the respective agency's annual reports for the year under review. The anticipated hearing section is subject to change.

HEARINGS CONCLUDED

Western Development Museum
Department of Culture and Recreation
Department of Parks and Renewable Resources
Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences
Department of Advanced Education and Manpower
Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation
Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission
Saskatchewan Pork Producers Marketing Board
Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Marketing Commission
Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute
Department of Highways and Transportation
Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation

ANTICIPATED HEARINGS

Department of Finance
Department of Revenue and Financial Services
Department of Rural Development
Saskatchewan Government Insurance
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
Saskatchewan Telecommunications
Saskatchewan Transportation Company
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social Services
Saskatchewan Power Corporation