

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
May 29, 1985

MINUTE NO. 14
May 29, 1985 at 8:45 a.m.

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

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
M. Ahmed, Audit Manager

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Comptroller
G. Benson, Deputy Comptroller

Guests

Al Collins, Analyst
Jane Borland, Analyst
Paul McIntyre, Analyst

2. An *in camera* briefing session regarding today's agenda was held.
3. The following documents were tabled in Committee:
- PAC 24/84-85 — Saskatchewan Culture and Recreation response to the Committee's request for information
- PAC 25/84-85 — Canadian House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Accounts Fourth Report of the Parliament
- PAC 26/84-85 — Paper for Public Accounts Committee on issues being raised by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants' Public Sector Accounting and Auditing Committee

4. **Public Hearing: Department of Rural Development**

Witnesses

Dan Gilewich, Deputy Minister
Larry Chaykowski, Director of Administration
Larry Aebig, Executive Secretary, Municipal E. S. Commission
Roy Parkinson, Chairman, Municipal Employees Superannuation Commission

5. During consideration of the Municipal Employee's Superannuation Plan it was moved by Mr.. Katzman:
- That the Public Accounts Committee recommend to the Municipal Employees Superannuation Fund that the fund shall report its activities to show the financial position of the former Plan, the financial position and results of its annuity underwriting activity, and the financial position and results of operations under the new plan including a comparison of new plan assets to obligations to pay allowances

to new plan members and for the Municipal Employees Superannuation Fund to report back to the Public Accounts Committee as soon as possible.

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

6. Department of Rural Development: Hearing concluded.
7. **Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Transportation Company**

Witness

Dave Sentes, Vice-President, Finance & Administration

8. The Committee requested the Vice-President, Finance and Administration of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company to appear at the Committee's next meeting with the following information:
 1. With respect to item 2.29 on page 34 of the Provincial Auditor's Report (PAC 10/84-85) when legal counsel had been retained.
 2. Complete familiarization with all company files pertaining to item 2.29
9. Saskatchewan Transportation Company: Hearing adjourned
10. The Committee requested the Clerk to report regarding the actual period under review.

11. **Public Hearing: Department of Agriculture**

Witnesses

Jack Drew, Deputy Minister
Henry Zilm, Assistant Deputy Minister
Wes Mazer, Director, Administrative Services Branch
Ken Petruic, Department Accountant

12. Department of Agriculture: Hearing adjourned
13. The Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m. until Thursday, May 30, 1985 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 10.

Agenda

- 8:45 a.m. — Saskatchewan Transportation Company (continued)
9:15 a.m. — Department of Agriculture (continued)
- Saskatchewan Government Insurance (standby)
- Saskatchewan Power Corporation (standby)
- Department of Finance (standby)

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
Department of Revenue and Financial Services
Department of Social Services
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
Department of Rural Development

ANTICIPATED HEARINGS

Department of Finance
Saskatchewan Government Insurance
Saskatchewan Telecommunications
Saskatchewan Transportation Company
Department of Agriculture
Saskatchewan Power Corporation