

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**October 1, 1987**

**MINUTE NO. 9**  
October 1, 1987 at 8:00 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Tchorzewski in the Chair, and Members Martin, Martens, Muller, Neudorf, Rolfes, Van Mulligen.

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

W.G. Lutz, Provincial Auditor  
G.F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor  
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor  
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor  
P. Hall, Director of Computer Auditing  
R. Ellis, Audit Manager

**Comptroller's Office**

G. Kraus, Comptroller  
C. Bayda, Financial Analyst  
M. Robinson, Director, Systems Management Branch

2. PUBLIC HEARING: CROWN MANAGEMENT BOARD:

W.B. Gibson, President  
Greg Mrazek, Director, Finance and Accounting Services  
Ian Disbery, Counsel

3. It was moved by Mr. Martens:

That the Public Accounts Committee recognizes the necessity for the Auditor to be accountable to the Legislative Assembly;

The Public Accounts Committee recognizes the necessity for the independence of the Auditor in relation to the Executive Branch of Government;

The Public Accounts Committee recognizes the importance of the Auditor to freely express his opinion on the financial records of the Executive Branch of Government;

We therefore move that we acknowledge the opinions rendered and proceed to the itemized agenda as presented by the Chairman.

A debate arising, an amendment was moved by Mr. Neudorf to add the following words to the motion:

"or as reviewed and amended by the Committee"

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

The debate continuing an amendment was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen to delete all the words after "rendered" and substitute the following:

"in our discussion with the various departments, agencies and corporations called to this committee."

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the motion as amended it was agreed to.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Provincial Auditor submit a special report or reports to the Legislative Assembly dealing with his concerns regarding a) the lack of consultation on amendments to The Provincial Auditor's Act, b) problems concerning his inability to get certain information and c) the Auditor's probable inability to make his annual report on time due to lack of resources.

5. The Committee questioned officials of Crown Management Board on items 1.25-1.27 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOT TABLED in the 1985-86 Provincial Auditor's Report.
6. The Committee requested Crown Management Board to provide the Committee with the date that the completed annual report for 1986 was provided to the Minister.
7. **Hearing Completed:** Crown Management Board.
8. The Committee considered the following recommendations:
  - i) that the Committee recommend that the Government consider preparing legislation to ensure that the duly audited financial statements for Crown agencies established pursuant to The Business Corporations Act are tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
  - ii) That the following be added to the recommendation:

The Committee recognizes that there may be situations when it may not be in the best interests of the parties concerned to release this detailed information.

The Committee agreed to consider these matters further at the next meeting.

9. The Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until Tuesday, October 6, 1987, at 8:00 a.m.

### **Agenda**

Tourism and Small Business (continuing)  
Finance (subject to confirmation).

## **PRIORITY LIST OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO BE CALLED**

Tourism and Small Business (1984-85)  
Finance (1984-85 and 1985-86) including Revenue and Finance Services (1985-86) and Municipal Employee's Superannuation Commission (1985-86)  
Education (1985-86) including Advanced Education and Manpower (1984-85 and 1985-86)  
Indian & Native Affairs Secretariat (1984-85 and 1985-86)  
Justice (1984-85 and 1985-86)  
Agricultural Credit Corporation (1985-86)  
Agriculture (1985-86)  
Consumer and Commercial Affairs (1985-86)  
Health (1985-86)  
Social Services (1985-86)  
Supply & Services (Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation) (1985-86)  
Westank Industries — SEDCO (1985-86)  
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (1985-86)  
Saskatchewan Power Corporation (1985-86)  
Economic Development and Trade (1985-86)  
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance (1985-86)

## **HEARINGS CONCLUDED**

Saskatchewan Forest Products (1984-85)  
Crown Management Board