

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

February 2, 1993

MINUTE NO. 14

10:00 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Swenson in the Chair and Members Cline, Kujawa, Serby, Sonntag and Van Mulligen

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelieff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
John Hunt, Executive Director
Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Comptroller
Terry Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The Committee resumed consideration of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991 and the 1990-91 Public Accounts of Saskatchewan.
3. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of **Chapter 12 — Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan** of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1991.
4. On motion of Mr. Cline, it was agreed:

That the Committee proceed *in camera*.

5. On motion of Mr. Serby, it was agreed:

That the Committee resume its proceedings in public.

6. **Crown Investments Corporation Witnesses**

Donald R. Ching, Acting President
Richard A. Hornowski, Vice-President, Finance

7. The Provincial Auditor and the witnesses answered questions.
8. On motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, it was agreed that the following recommendations be adopted and included in the Committee's report to the Assembly.

paragraphs .04 to .11

We recommend CIC prepare financial statements that show how it managed the assets entrusted to it by the Assembly.

paragraphs .12 to .15

We recommend the Consolidated Fund pay the expenses of the Community Bond Program.

paragraphs .16 to .36

We recommend CIC obtain proper authority for share purchase, advances, loans, loan assistance and loan guarantees before undertaking such transactions.

9. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the hearing of the **Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan** be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions and that the Committee adopt the recommendation pertaining to the **Crown Investments Corporation** in the January 20, 1993 document of the Provincial Auditor.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Sonntag:

That the hearing of the Department of Energy and Mines be concluded subject to recall, if necessary for further questions.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

11. The Committee recessed from 11:05 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.
12. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of **Chapter 35 — Saskatchewan Transportation Company** of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1991.
13. **Saskatchewan Transportation Company Witnesses**
- Peter Glendinning, President
Ernie Temrick, Controller
14. The Provincial Auditor and the witnesses answered questions.
15. At 12:23 p.m. the Committee adjourned until 1:00 p.m. this day.

Afternoon Sitting

16. **PRESENT:** Mr. Swenson in the Chair and Members Cline, Kujawa, Serby, Sonntag and Van Mulligen

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

PROVINCIAL AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Wayne Strelieff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
John Hunt, Executive Director
Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Comptroller
Terry Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

17. The Committee resumed consideration of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991 and the 1990-91 Public Accounts of Saskatchewan.
18. The Committee considered issues in the Provincial Auditor's Annual Report pertaining to the Crown Investments Corporation and the Department of Finance.
19. **Crown Investments Corporation Witnesses**

Don Ching, Acting President
Richard Hornowski, Vice-President, Finance

Department of Finance Witnesses

John Wright, Deputy Minister
Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

20. The Provincial Auditor and the witnesses answered questions.
21. The Committee recessed from 2:45 p.m. until 3:06 p.m.
22. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of **Chapter 19 — Department of Finance**.

23. On motion of Mr. Sonntag, it was agreed;

That the Committee proceed *in camera*.

24. On motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, it was agreed:

That the Committee resume its proceedings in public.

25. Department of Finance Witnesses

John Wright, Deputy Minister
Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller
Brian Smith, Executive Director of the Public Employees Benefits Agency

26. The Provincial Auditor, his officials and the witnesses answered questions.

27. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the hearing of the Department of Finance be concluded, subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

28. The Committee recessed from 4:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

29. On motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, it was agreed:

That the Committee proceed *in camera*.

30. On motion of Mr. Sonntag, it was agreed:

That the Committee resume its proceedings in public.

31. Department of Executive Council Witnesses

Ronald S. Clark, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary
Donald Wincherauk, Director of Administration

32. The Provincial Auditor and the witnesses answered questions.

33. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the hearing of the Department of Executive Council be concluded, subject to recall, if necessary.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

34. The Committee adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Thursday, February 4, 1993 at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Department of Education
11:00 a.m. Investment Corporation of Saskatchewan
1:30 p.m. Department of Agriculture and Food
- Agriculture Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan
- Counselling for Farmers
3:30 p.m. Department of Health