

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

February 5, 1993

MINUTE NO. 16

9:00 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Swenson in the Chair and Members Cline, Haverstock, 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

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 24 — Family Foundation** of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1991.
4. On motion of Ms. Haverstock, 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. **Family Foundation Witnesses**

Frank Bogdasavich, Deputy Minister, Community Services
Keith Rogers, Executive Director, Culture and Recreation Division, Community Services
Don Harazny, Director, Administration, Community Services

7. The witnesses answered questions.
8. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
9. It was moved by Mr. Serby:

That the hearing of the **Family Foundation** be adjourned, subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the hearing of the **Saskatchewan Transportation Company** be adjourned, subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. The Committee recessed from 9:55 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
12. The Committee resumed consideration of certain issues arising out of Chapters 1 to 10 of the

Provincial Auditor's Report.

13. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That, as to the matter of an annual financial plan showing proposed revenue-raising programs and spending programs of all government organizations and the matter of a multi-year plan for all government organizations this Committee recommends that the Office of the Provincial Auditor and the Crown Investments Corporation undertake discussions on this issue, and return to this Committee with a joint report. During these discussions, the Committee asks that the advice of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan and the Provincial Audit Committee be sought.

After debate, the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the Government work co-operatively with the Provincial Auditor by involving him in the process of choosing appointed auditors, establishing audit plans, maintaining solid communications through frequent audit updates, and ensuring that the Provincial Auditor has sufficient time to comment on the final audit report prior to its public release.

After debate, the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

15. On the subject of Crown Corporation dividends, (par. 4.24-4.29) it was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the Committee notes the Auditor's comments but points out that there are now annual financial statements which report on all government financial activity, therefore, enabling the Legislature to hold the Government accountable.

Furthermore, the Committee notes the Provincial Auditor is at this point, the Auditor for Crown Investments Corporation.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was by a show of hands, carried: **Y:4 N:1**.

16. At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.