

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

January 18, 1994

MINUTE NO. 19

9 a.m. — Room 10

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

Other Member:

Mr. Goohsen

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Ed Montgomery, Operation Director

John Hunt, Executive Officer

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Terry Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 82/22 — Department of Finance: Government's Response to the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts — Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1991.

3. The Committee resumed consideration of the Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1992 and the Public Accounts, 1991-92.
4. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 9 — **Department of Agriculture and Food.**

Witnesses from Department of Agriculture and Food

Terry Scott, Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy & Planning)

Dale Sigurdson, Assistant Deputy Minister (Financial Support & Program Management)

Harvey Murchison, Director of Administrative Services Branch

Ken Petruic, Department Accountant

Terry Tangjer, Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

Doug Matthies, Comptroller, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

Lorne Warnes, Executive Director (Administration), Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan

Norm Ballagh, General Manager, Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan

5. The Provincial Auditor and witnesses answered questions.

6. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the hearing on the **Department of Agriculture and Food** be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee recessed from 11:10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
8. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 19 — **Department of Natural Resources.**
9. **Witnesses from Department of Environment and Resource Management (for Saskatchewan Natural Resources)**
Michael Shaw, Deputy Minister
Robert Blackwell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Management Services Division
Ross MacLennan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division
Donna Kellsey, Director, Financial and Administrative Services
10. The Provincial Auditor and witnesses answered questions.

11. It was moved by Mr. Sonntag:

That the hearing on the **Department of Natural Resources** be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. The Committee recessed from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Sitting

13. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Cline, Crofford, Haverstock, Kujawa, McPherson, Serby, Sonntag, and Van Mulligen

Other Member.

Mr. Goohsen

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

John Hunt, Executive Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Terry Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

14. The following document was tabled:

PAC 83/22 — Changes in the Form of Accounts by the Honourable C. M. Fines, Provincial Treasurer, Government of the Province of Saskatchewan, December, 1957,

15. The Committee resumed consideration of the Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1992 and the Public Accounts, 1991-92.

16. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 10 — **Department of Community Services.**

Witnesses from Department of Municipal Government (for Community Services)

Bill Reader, Deputy Minister

Ron Styles, Associate Deputy Minister, Housing Division

Ken Alecxu, Associate Deputy Minister, Culture and Recreation Division

Bill Werry, Director, Research Branch

Ron Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Services Division

Nick Surtees, Executive Director, Protection Services Branch

Larry Chaykowski, Director, Finance and Administration Branch

Don Harazny, Director, Human Resources Branch

17. The Provincial Auditor and witnesses answered questions.

18. It was moved by Mr. Serby:

That the hearing on the **Department of Community Services** be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

19. The Committee recessed from 2:30 p.m. until 3:05 p.m.

20. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 26 — **Saskatchewan Gaming Commission.**

Witnesses from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Commission

Gord Nystuen, Acting President/CEO

Dick Bailey, Vice-President, Corporate Services Division

Dave Innes, Vice-President, Licensing Division

Colleen Laing, Manager, Financial Services

21. The Provincial Auditor and witnesses answered questions.

22. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the hearing on the **Saskatchewan Gaming Commission** be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

23. The Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m. until Wednesday, January 19, 1994 at 9 a.m. in Room 10.