

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
October 11th, 1996

MINUTE NO. 16
9:30 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Gantefoer in the Chair and Members Flavel, Koenker, Pringle, Sonntag, Stanger and Thomson.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Robert Black, Director-Value for Money
Bashar Ahmad, General Director
Phil Creaser, Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The Committee proceeded to deliberate on Section Q of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations (Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation)*. The Provincial Auditor responded to questions put by Members.
3. The Committee concurred with recommendation Q.1 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the need to appoint Boards of Directors before entities start operations. The Committee noted compliance with the recommendation.
4. The Committee proceeded to deliberate on Section M of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations (Department of Education, Training and Employment)*. Mr. Ahmad and the Provincial Auditor responded to questions put by Members.
5. The Committee concurred with recommendation M.1 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning a correction to the financial statements of Prairie West Regional College. The Committee noted that the recommendation was the result of an error, which has now been corrected.

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6. The Committee considered recommendation M.2 of the *Schedule of Provincial Audit Recommendations*, concerning the need for legislative changes to exempt the Saskatchewan Indian Regional College from *The Regional Colleges Act*. It was moved by Ms. Stanger:

That this Committee recommends that the Department of Post Secondary Education and Skills Training should continue to work with the College, continue to respect aboriginal self-government and political accord issues, to remove SIIT from the legal requirements of *The Regional Colleges Act* and further;

That this Committee proposes that an alternative could be a Private Members' bill in the Legislative Assembly which would have to be initiated by the College.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Flavel:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. The Committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m. until December 9th, 1996.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

Rod Gantefoer
Committee Chair