

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

January 8, 2008

MINUTE NO. 3

8:30 a.m. – Room 8

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Bradshaw, Chisholm, Harrison, Michelson, Nilson and Reiter.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor
Bashar Ahmad, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Mike Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Ed Montgomery, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Charlene Drotar, Principal
Jane Knox, Principal
Jeff Kress, Principal
Kim Lowe, Principal
Corrine Rybchuk, Principal
Victor Schwab, Principal
Regan Sommerfeld, Principal
Rosemarie Volk, Principal
Trevor St. John, Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

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

2. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 2 (Advanced Education and Employment) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Montgomery of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Wynne Young, Deputy Minister
Brady Salloum, Executive Director, Student Financial Assistance
Linda Smith, Executive Director, Policy & Evaluation Branch
Gwen Mowbray, Executive Director, Human Resources
Trina Vicq Fallows, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Raman Visvanathan, Executive Director, Training Institutions Branch

3. The committee concurred with recommendation 2-1 made at page 32 of Chapter 2 (Advanced Education and Employment) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour should develop a public performance plan. The committee noted that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 2-2 made at page 33 of Chapter 2 (Advanced Education and Employment) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour should develop a human resource plan. The committee noted that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
5. The committee concurred with recommendation 2-3 made at page 33 of Chapter 2 (Advanced Education and Employment) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour should adequately review the payroll for accuracy prior to paying its employees to ensure that all employees' pay is approved in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. The committee noted that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 10 (First Nations and Métis Relations) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Crowe, Acting Deputy Minister
John Reid, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
Seonaid MacPherson, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives
Jennifer Brass, Executive Assistant
Susan Carani, Director, Lands and Resources
Kerry Gray, Acting Director, Finance Accountability and Corporate Services
Mark La Rocque, Acting Director, Strategic Planning and Policy

7. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-1 made at page 161 of Chapter 10 (First Nations and Métis Relations) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations should:
 - Require the First Nations Trust to submit, each year by an agreed upon date, an independent audit report on the following:
 - Whether money received by the Trust has been fully accounted for and properly disposed of, and the rules and procedures applied are sufficient to ensure an effective check on the receipt and allocation of money received by the Trust; and
 - Whether the money expended by the Trust was for the purposes required by the applicable Agreement.
 - Withhold (whole or in part) money due to the Trust until the Department receives required audit reports or, where an audit report notes matters of non-compliance, until the Trust takes appropriate action.

The committee noted that the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

8. The committee concurred with recommendation 10-2 made at page 163 of Chapter 10 (First Nations and Métis Relations) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations' human resource plan should more clearly outline gaps in current resources (e.g., number and types of positions) and provide details on plans to implement strategies to meet human resource needs (including timeframes, responsibilities and financial resources). The committee noted that the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
9. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 18 (Northern Affairs) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Ahmad of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Northern Affairs officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ron Crowe, Acting Deputy Minister
Richard Turkheim, Executive Director, Resource Industry and Development
Anita Jones, Executive Director, Policy and Program Support
Tom Harrington, Director, Finance Administration

10. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-1 made at page 340 of Chapter 18 (Northern Affairs) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Northern Affairs should document and communicate to employees its processes to administer its loan and grant programs. The committee noted that the Ministry of Northern Affairs is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
11. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-2 made at page 340 of Chapter 18 (Northern Affairs) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Northern Affairs should ensure that employees who approve loans do not have authority to record transactions related to those loans. The committee noted that the Ministry of Northern Affairs is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
12. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-3 made at page 341 of Chapter 18 (Northern Affairs) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Northern Affairs should adequately review the payroll for accuracy prior to paying its employees to ensure that all employees' pay is approved in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. The committee noted that the Ministry of Northern Affairs is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
13. The committee concurred with recommendation 18-4 made at page 342 of Chapter 18 (Northern Affairs) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Northern Affairs should make an appropriate service agreement with its payroll services provider. The committee noted that the Ministry of Northern Affairs has complied with the recommendation.
14. The committee recessed from 9:40 a.m. until 10:05 a.m.

15. The committee proceeded to consider Part B of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* and Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Heffernan of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Social Services officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Duncan Fisher, Deputy Minister, Social Services
Bob Wihlidal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Client Services
Shelley Whitehead, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy
Darrell Jones, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing and Central Operations
Lynn Tulloch, Executive Director, Income Assistance Division
Gord Tweed, Associate Executive Director, Income Assistance Division
Andrea Brittin, Executive Director, Child and Family Services Division
Don Allen, Executive Director, Finance and Property Management Division
Lynn Allan, Regional Director, Southwest Region

16. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-1 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Board of Directors of Oyate ataya WaKanyeja OwicaKiyapi Inc. (Oyate Board) should maintain a complete and approved set of minutes of all minutes of all Board meetings. The committee noted that the Board of Directors of Oyate ataya WaKanyeja OwicaKiyapi Inc. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
17. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-2 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should adopt a code of conduct policy that is consistent with *The Non-profit Corporations Act*, and monitor compliance. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
18. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-3 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should monitor board members' compliance with the conflict of interest policy. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
19. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-4 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should define the scope of its authority and responsibilities. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
20. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-5 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should define the authority, responsibilities, and performance standards for the Safe House Director. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

21. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-6 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should approve a strategic plan for Oyate ataya WaKanyeja OwicaKiyapi Inc. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
22. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-7 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should establish standards and procedures to guide the delivery of services to sexually exploited children. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
23. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-8 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should provide governance training for its members. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
24. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-9 made at page 166 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should periodically assess the performance of the Safe House Director. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
25. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-10 made at page 168 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Oyate should accept only children who are eligible to receive its services. The committee noted that Oyate is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
26. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-11 made at page 168 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Oyate should establish adequate processes to reduce the risk that children run away from the safe house. The committee noted that Oyate is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
27. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-12 made at page 169 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Oyate should properly account for its expenses in accordance with its service agreement with the Ministry of Social Services. The committee noted that Oyate is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
28. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-13 made at page 170 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should follow its hiring policies. The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
29. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-14 made at page 173 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Oyate Board should comply with its service agreement with the Ministry of Social Services including:
 - Documenting admission and follow-up conferences for each child in its care;
 - Documenting permission to provide services from DCR or parents/guardians;
 - Providing annual audited financial statements;
 - Providing other required financial and operational reports.The committee noted that the Oyate Board is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

30. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-15 made at page 173 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Oyate should spend public money only for purposes intended by the Ministry of Social Services. The committee noted that Oyate is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
31. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-16 made at page 176 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should follow its processes and document its basis for awarding contracts for services to community-based organizations. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
32. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-17 made at page 178 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should strengthen its processes to keep informed about any significant problems at community-based organizations (CBOs). The processes should include:
- Doing a risk assessment on all CBOs to determine the nature and extent of processes needed to monitor each CBOs performance;
 - Identifying objectives, performance measures, and targets for each CBO;
 - Reviewing each CBO's performance reports routinely;
 - Carrying out regular on-site assessments of high-risk CBOs;
 - Attending board of director's meetings of high-risk CBOs.
- The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
33. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-18 made at page 180 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should approve policies and procedures for delivering services in a residential setting. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
34. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-19 made at page 181 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should improve its processes to remedy any significant problems at community-based organizations (CBOs). These processes should include procedures to:
- Clearly define the problem;
 - Provide options for corrective action;
 - Promptly inform the CBO and the Deputy Minister, in writing, of the problem and corrective action required;
 - Give the CBO a deadline for fixing the problem;
 - Set predetermined remedies if the CBO does not fix the problem promptly.
- The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
35. The committee concurred with recommendation 4B-20 made at page 181 of Chapter 4 (Community Resources) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should ensure Oyate ataya WaKanyepa OwicaKiyapi Inc. implements recommendations 1-15 of this report. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

36. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-1 made at page 69 of Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should follow its processes to ensure that only eligible clients receive Transition Employment assistance and that they receive the correct amount of Transition Employment assistance. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
37. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-2 made at page 70 of Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should establish adequate processes to ensure that only eligible persons receive Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement assistance and that they receive the correct amount of Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement assistance. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
38. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-3 made at page 72 of Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should adequately review the payroll for accuracy prior to paying its employees to ensure that all employees' pay is approved in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
39. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-4 made at page 75 of Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should perform timely reviews on all the performance information submitted by the community-based organizations. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
40. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-5 made at page 75 of Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should work with community-based organizations (CBOs) to establish performance measures and targets that better allow it to assess the CBOs' progress in achieving the Ministry's operational objectives. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
41. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-6 made at page 77 of Chapter 5 (Community Resources) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Social Services should have an adequate agreement with the Information Technology Office that includes network security and disaster recovery requirements. The committee noted that the Ministry of Social Services is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
42. The committee recessed from 10:57 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
43. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 11 (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Heffernan, Ms. Knox and Mr. Kress of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Health officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Gren Smith-Windsor, Acting Deputy Minister
Louise Greenberg, Associate Deputy Minister
Lauren Donnelly, Assistant Deputy Minister

Witnesses (continued)

Ted Warawa, Executive Director, Finance & Administration Branch
Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch
Scott Livingstone, Acting Executive Director, Health Information Solutions Centre
Garth Herbert, Financial Management Consultant / Internal Audit, Finance & Administration Branch

44. The committee concurred with recommendation 11A-1 made at page 175 of Chapter 11A (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Health should:
- Obtain timely and complete performance information from health agencies; and
 - Review the information to ensure that public money is used for the intended purposes.
- The committee noted that the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
45. The committee concurred with recommendation 11A-2 made at page 176 of Chapter 11A (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Health should establish processes to monitor capital construction grants provided to private sector agencies.
46. The committee concurred with recommendation 11A-3 made at page 177 of Chapter 11A (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Health should adequately review the payroll for accuracy prior to paying its employees to ensure that all employees' pay is approved in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*. The committee noted that the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
47. The committee noted that the Auditor's recommendation regarding the need for ministries to adequately review the payroll for accuracy prior to paying its employees to ensure that all employees' pay is approved in accordance with *The Financial Administration Act, 1993* had been repeated in regards to several other departments. The committee agreed that it concurred with the recommendation in each instance and that governmental-wide progress had been taken towards complying with the recommendation.
48. The committee concurred with recommendation 11A-4 made at page 187 of Chapter 11A (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations should follow its policy that payments have adequate support when making payments for the Provincial Employment Strategy Committee. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
49. The committee concurred with recommendation 11A-5 made at page 187 of Chapter 11A (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations should make a service agreement with the Provincial Employment Strategy Committee for the services SAHO provides. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations has complied with the recommendation.
50. The committee concurred with recommendation 11A-6 made at page 188 of Chapter 11A (Health) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the North Saskatchewan Laundry and Support Services Ltd. should have processes to bill for all laundry services. The committee noted that the North Saskatchewan Laundry and Support Services Ltd. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

51. The committee concurred with recommendation 11C-1 made at page 210 of Chapter 11C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority should follow its processes to control its bank accounts when making payments to employees and vendors. The committee noted that the Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
52. The committee concurred with recommendation 11C-2 made at page 210 of Chapter 11C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Cypress Regional Health Authority should control its bank accounts when making payments to employees. The committee noted that the Cypress Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
53. The committee concurred with recommendation 11C-3 made at page 212 of Chapter 11C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Sun Country Regional Health Authority should establish information technology policies and procedures based on a threat and risk analysis. The committee noted that the Sun Country Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
54. The committee concurred with recommendation 11C-4 made at page 213 of Chapter 11C (Regional Health Authorities) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority should adequately secure its computer room. The committee noted that the Keewatin Yatthé Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.
55. The committee concurred with recommendation 11D-1 made at page 223 of Chapter 11D (Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Sunrise Regional Health Authority should develop a regional infection control plan to guide the prevention of hospital-acquired infections. The committee noted that the Sunrise Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
56. The committee concurred with recommendation 11D-2 made at page 225 of Chapter 11D (Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Sunrise Regional Health Authority should provide guidance to help staff fully identify, investigate, analyze and report hospital-acquired infections. The committee noted that the Sunrise Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
57. The committee concurred with recommendation 11D-3 made at page 230 of Chapter 11D (Hospital-acquired infections) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Sunrise Regional Health Authority should focus its actions to prevent and manage hospital-acquired infections by reporting and monitoring:
 - The rates and causes of hospital-acquired infections; and
 - Progress toward targets by type of infection.The committee noted that the Sunrise Regional Health Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
58. The committee concurred with recommendation 11E-1 made at page 237 of Chapter 11E (Public eating establishment inspections) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Sun Country Regional Health Authority should comply with the timeframes required by the Public Health Inspection Work Guide for re-inspections of eating establishments. The committee noted that the Sun Country Regional Health Authority has complied with the recommendation.

59. The committee concurred with recommendation 11F-1 made at page 245 of Chapter 11F (IT security) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health should approve and implement its draft security policies and procedures. The committee noted that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
60. The committee concurred with recommendation 11F-2 made at page 245 of Chapter 11F (IT security) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health should monitor the security of systems and data by reviewing regular reports on the adequacy of its controls. The committee noted that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
61. The committee concurred with recommendation 11F-3 made at page 245 of Chapter 11F (IT security) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health should meet its service level commitments to its clients related to firewall management and disaster recovery. The committee noted that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
62. The committee concurred with recommendation 11F-4 made at page 246 of Chapter 11F (IT security) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health should follow its procedures for controlling user access to systems and data. The committee noted that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
63. The committee concurred with recommendation 11F-5 made at page 247 of Chapter 11F (IT security) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health should protect systems and data from security threats by adequately configuring, updating and monitoring its computers and network equipment. The committee noted that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
64. The committee concurred with recommendation 11F-6 made at page 248 of Chapter 11F (IT security) of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health should have an approved and tested disaster recovery plan for systems and data. The committee noted that the Health Information Solutions Centre of the Ministry of Health is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
65. The committee recessed from 2:35 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.
66. The committee proceeded to consider the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Ministry of Finance officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister
Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy
Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

67. In regards to recommendation 1 made at page 20 of the *2007 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 2)* that the Ministry of Finance should publish actual and projected results compared to its financial plan for the entire Government in each quarter, it was moved by Mr. Harrison:

That the Ministry of Finance be directed to review the implications of reporting actual results with the projected results for the General Revenue Fund on a quarterly basis.

The question being put and a debate arising, the motion was agreed to

68. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

69. The committee adjourned at 4:07 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Harry Van Mulligen
Committee Chair