

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

MINUTE NO. 15
9:30 a.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Harry Van Mulligen in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Michael Chisholm, Jeremy Harrison, Warren Michelson, John Nilson and Laura Ross*.

Substituting Members

Laura Ross for Jim Reiter

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Mike Heffernan, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Glen Nyhus, Principal

Michelle Lindenbach, Manager

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch

Larry Boys, Manager, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 11/26 – Ministry of Finance: Reporting of public losses for the period from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, dated January 30, 2009.

3. The committee proceeded to consider Chapter 14 (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2008 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Mr. Heffernan of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Barry C. Lacey, President and CEO

Rod Wiley, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Corporate Services

Jim Engel, Vice President, Policy and Planning

Jolene Tytlandsvik, Vice President, Gaming Operations

4. The committee concurred with recommendation 14A-1 made at page 271 of Chapter 14 (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2008 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Liquor and Gaming Authority establish adequate processes to monitor Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc.'s compliance with casino revenue and cash reconciliation procedures to safeguard public money at new casinos. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 14B-1 made at page 282 of Chapter 14 (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2008 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. establish adequate processes to control its ancillary operations. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
6. The committee concurred with recommendation 14B-2 made at page 284 of Chapter 14 (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2008 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. prepare a complete disaster recovery plan and assess the need for a business continuity plan. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
7. The committee concurred with recommendation 14B-3 made at page 286 of Chapter 14 (Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority) of the *2008 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. provide adequate training and supervision to employees at new casinos on established processes to safeguard public money. The committee noted that the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Inc. is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.
8. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was carried.
9. The committee adjourned at 9:52 a.m. to the call of the chair.