

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, April 21, 2010

MINUTE NO. 21
10:00 a.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the Chair and Members Pat Atkinson, Michael Chisholm, Dan D'Autremont, Warren Michelson, Laura Ross and Lyle Stewart.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor
Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Kim Lowe, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 141(2) the *2009 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* was deemed referred to committee on December 15, 2009.
3. The committee considered the selection process for a provincial auditor, due to the resignation, as of April 30, 2010, of Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor. It was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

That the Committee Clerk report to the Public Accounts Committee Steering Committee on a recommended selection process for the position of Provincial Auditor that includes a review of past procedures and best practices.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

4. The committee considered Chapter 5 (Enterprise and Innovation programs) of the *2009 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Enterprise and Innovation programs officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Chris Dekker, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Saskatchewan
Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Enterprise Saskatchewan

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 5-1 made at page 74 of Chapter 5 (Enterprise and Innovation programs) of the *2009 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that Enterprise Saskatchewan develop and carry out a risk-based audit program to verify labour-sponsored venture capital corporations' compliance with *The Labour Sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Act*. The committee noted that Enterprise Saskatchewan has complied with the recommendation.
6. The committee recessed from 10:19 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.

7. The committee considered Chapter 11 (Highways and Infrastructure) of the *2009 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)*. Ms. Ferguson of the Office of the Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Highways and Infrastructure officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Rob Penny, Deputy Minister

Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Support

Bryan Peacock, Director, Information Management Office

8. The committee concurred with recommendation 11-1 made at page 251 of Chapter 11 (Highways and Infrastructure) of the *2009 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure follow its established procedures for removing user access to its computer systems and data. The committee noted that the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has complied with the recommendation.
14. The committee concurred with recommendation 11-2 made at page 252 of Chapter 11 (Highways and Infrastructure) of the *2009 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 3)* that the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure sign an adequate agreement with the Information Technology Office that addresses the Ministry's disaster recovery and security needs over its computer systems. The committee noted that the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure is making progress towards complying with this recommendation.
15. It was moved by Mr. Stewart:
- That this committee do now adjourn.
- The question being put, it was agreed to.
16. The committee adjourned at 10:38 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Trent Wotherspoon
Committee Chair