

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Wednesday, May 11, 2011

MINUTE NO. 33
9:47 a.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the Chair and Members Pat Atkinson, Dan D'Autremont, Rod Gantefer, Glen Hart, Warren Michelson and Lyle Stewart.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Bonnie Lysyk, Provincial Auditor
Kelly Deis, Principal
Jane Knox, Principal
Kim Lowe, Principal

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Lori Taylor, Manager, Financial Management Branch

2. The following documents were tabled:

PAC 31/26 - Virtus Group: Correspondence outlining the terms of engagement to audit the Office of the Provincial Auditor, dated March 24, 2011.

PAC 32/26 - Ministry of Finance: Reporting of public losses for the period from January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011, dated April 29, 2011.

3. The committee acknowledged the contribution of the former Acting Provincial Auditor, Brian Atkinson. The Standing Committee on Public Accounts unanimously agreed to thank Brian Atkinson for his government service to the people of Saskatchewan, particularly through his senior leadership in the Provincial Auditor's Office and for his service as Acting Provincial Auditor.
4. The committee considered Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. The Provincial Auditor provided an overview of the chapter.

The following Corrections, Public Safety and Policing officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Al Hinton, Deputy Minister
Marlys Tafelmeyer, Executive Director, HR Services
Margaret Anderson, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Jeff Markewich, Director, Financial Planning Services, Corporate Services

5. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-1 made at page 29 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing follow its rules and procedures to reconcile its recorded

trust bank balances to the bank's records on a timely basis. The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing has complied with the recommendation.

6. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-2 made at page 30 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing comply with the terms of the shared services agreement with the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

7. The following document was tabled:

PAC 33/26 - Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Attendance Management Policy manual.

8. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-3 made at page 31 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing supervise its employees to ensure they follow the Ministry's policies and procedures for paying amounts owed to employees. The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

9. The following document was tabled:

PAC 34/26 - Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Adult Corrections Division manual entitled "Commitment to Excellence & Code of Professional Conduct".

10. The committee concurred with recommendation 4-4 made at page 41 of Chapter 4 (Corrections, Public Safety and Policing) of the *2010 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing communicate to employees guiding principles such as personal accountability and fiscal responsibility. The committee noted that the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing is making progress towards complying with the recommendation.

11. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 9:45 a.m.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Trent Wotherspoon
Committee Chair