

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS

October 6, 2000

MINUTE NO. 2

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Toth in the Chair and Members Allchurch, Bakken, Harper, Hart and Yates.

Staff to the Committee

Mr. Ken Ring, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk

Ms. Margaret Woods, Clerk to the Committee

Ms. Allison Gartner, Secretary to the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk

REGULATIONS FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

2. The Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk tabled the following report:

REG 6/24 – Special Committee on Regulations: Follow-up reports from previous meetings - Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk - October 6, 2000 meeting.

3. **The 1997 School Grant Regulations**

Concern:

Lack of authority

The Law Clerk summarized the regulations and the concern arising there from. He then responded to questions from Members. The Committee accepted the Law Clerk's recommendation to consolidate the issue that reoccurs in these regulations year after year. The Committee further directed the Law Clerk to firstly monitor the situation to see how, when or if the issue is dealt with in the future, and secondly, to urge the minister to pursue an amendment to the Act to provide ministerial authority to recognize the type of certain unforeseen expenditures that are required each year.

4. **The Provincial Lands Amendment Regulations, 1997**

Concern:

The calculation and recalculation of annual rental rates on agricultural Crown land-terms of lease.

The Law Clerk summarized the regulations and the concern arising there from. He then responded to questions from Members. It was moved by Mr. Hart:

That the departmental officials be invited to appear before the Committee to discuss the regulations and the leases.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. The Committee further directed the Committee Clerk to arrange the appearance of the officials at the next available date.

5. The Law Clerk advised the Committee that there were follow-up reports for two additional regulations. The Committee could review these regulations today or they could be dealt with by the Law Clerk pursuant to Mr. Yates' motion that allows the Law Clerk to correspond directly with departments and to bring the responses back to the Committee. The Committee then directed

the Law Clerk to proceed with these regulations pursuant to the new review process that was adopted yesterday.

6. The Committee considered when it would next meet. It was agreed that meetings would be scheduled for two mid-week days during the first or second week of February 2001. The Committee further agreed that it would hear from the departmental officials at that time.
7. A list identifying all Regulations filed between January 1, 1999 and September 3, 1999 that were reviewed by the Law Clerk but not reported to the Special Committee is attached as Appendix A to these Minutes.
8. The Committee adjourned at 9:35 a.m. to the call of the chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Don Toth
Committee Chair