

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL

January 18th, 2000

MINUTE NO. 2

4:00 p.m. – Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Kowalsky in the Chair and Members Addley, Eagles, Higgins and Wartman
2. The Committee adopted the proposed meeting agenda, as specified by the Notice of Meeting distributed to Members by the Chair.
3. The Committee considered locations for its public hearings. The Chair proposed a list of communities as follows: Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Yorkton, North Battleford, Meadow Lake, Humbolt, Nipawin, Estevan, Weyburn, Swift Current, Maple Creek, Unity, La Ronge, Kindersley, and Beauval.

A discussion ensued and it was agreed to add Moose Jaw to the list, and that the Steering Committee should use the list as a basis for further planning. The Committee agreed that the Steering Committee should plan to travel on the basis that the hearing schedule would alternate between visiting three communities one week, followed by two communities the next week, and continue on that basis until the hearing process is completed.

4. The Committee discussed the role and duties of its Research Officer. It was agreed that the research officer should, in addition to the duties outlined in the position advertisement, provide members with the following: summary of legislation in other provinces; background information on tobacco control legislation and regulations in Saskatchewan; background on the traditional use of tobacco by First Nations; survey of litigation and settlements between governments and tobacco companies in North America; summary of work done by Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT); summary of federal government initiatives; write brief biographies of committee members; and develop a list of stakeholders on the subject area. It was agreed that if Members have any additional duties or requests for information or research, that the requests be made through the committee clerk or the committee chair.

The Committee was advised by the Committee Clerk that approximately 90 applications were received in response to advertisements placed on January 1 and January 8, 2000, in the *Star Phoenix* and *Leader Post* newspapers. The Committee was informed that the Steering Committee would meet January 19, 2000, to consider a short list of suitable candidates.

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5. The Committee discussed other areas of possible activity in connection to its order of reference. It was agreed that if possible, Committee members would promote the public hearings through participation on radio talk shows and by media advisories.

It was agreed that the Committee develop its present web page on the Legislative Assembly web site to enable the public, and students in particular, to provide input and/or respond to a survey on the subject of tobacco control. The Committee clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements for the development of such a web page and to work with the research officer to publicize the existence of the web page through the school system.

6. The Committee recessed at 4:50 p.m. until 4:55 p.m.
7. The Committee received an orientation from the Saskatchewan Department of Health on the subject of Tobacco Control.

The officials responded to questions put by members of the Committee.

Witnesses

Glenda Yeates, Deputy Minister of Health
Marlene Smadu, Assistant Deputy Minister of Health
Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Medical Health Officer
April Barry, Director of Health Promotion, Saskatchewan Health

8. It was moved by Mr. Addley:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. The Committee adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

Myron Kowalsky
Committee Chair