



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 2

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. MALOWAY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Second Report (Second Session), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on June 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (*2nd Session, 42nd Legislature*) in the Chamber of the Legislative Building:

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017
 - *Waiving of Competitive Bids*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018
 - *Waiving of Competitive Bids*
 - *Management of Provincial Bridges*
 - *Manitoba East Side Road Authority*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2019
 - *Management of Provincial Bridges*
 - *Manitoba East Side Road Authority*
- Auditor General's Report – Department of Infrastructure: Oversight of Commercial Vehicle Safety dated December 2019
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March, 2020
 - *Management of Provincial Bridges*
 - *Manitoba East Side Road Authority*

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the June 10, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE

- Ms. NAYLOR
- Mr. SMITH (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. WASYLIW
- Mr. WISHART

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on June 10, 2020:

- Ms. NAYLOR for Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)

Officials Speaking on Record at the June 10, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. Tyson Shtykalo, Deputy Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Minister of Infrastructure
- Mr. Tareq Al-Zabet, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure
- Ms. Ruth Eden, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Infrastructure

Agreements:

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Waiving of Competitive Bids* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Waiving of Competitive Bids* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Management of Provincial Bridges* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Manitoba East Side Road Authority* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Management of Provincial Bridges* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2019.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Manitoba East Side Road Authority* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2019.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Management of Provincial Bridges* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Manitoba East Side Road Authority* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020.

Reports Considered and Passed:

Your Committee has considered the following report and has adopted the same as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Department of Infrastructure: Oversight of Commercial Vehicle Safety dated December 2019

Reports Considered but not Passed:

Your Committee has considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017 (*Waiving of Competitive Bids – concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018 (*Waiving of Competitive Bids – Management of Provincial Bridges - Manitoba East Side Road Authority - concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2019 (*Management of Provincial Bridges – Manitoba East Side Road Authority - concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020 (*Management of Provincial Bridges – Manitoba East Side Road Authority - concluded consideration of*)

On motion of Mr. MALOWAY, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. MALOWAY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Third Report (Second Session), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on June 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (*2nd Session, 42nd Legislature*) in the Chamber of the Legislative Building:

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2014
 - *Section 16 – Managing Climate Change*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015
 - *Section 1 – Managing Climate Change*
- Auditor General's Report – Managing Climate Change – dated October 2017
- Auditor General's Report – Forensic Audits dated October 2018
 - *Thompson District Office: Special Audit of Missing Licences and Cash Management Practices*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020
 - *Managing Climate Change*
 - *Thompson District Office: Special Audit of Missing Licences and Cash Management Practices*

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the June 25, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Ms. NAYLOR
- Mr. SMITH (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. WASYLIW
- Mr. WISHART

Officials Speaking on Record at the June 25, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. Tyson Shtykalo, Deputy Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Minister of Conservation and Climate
- Mr. Blair McTavish, Deputy Minister of Conservation and Climate

Agreements:

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Section 16 – Managing Climate Change* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2014.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Section 1 – Managing Climate Change* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Thompson District Office: Special Audit of Missing Licences and Cash Management Practices* of the Auditor General’s Report – Forensic Audits dated October 2018.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Managing Climate Change* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Thompson District Office: Special Audit of Missing Licences and Cash Management Practices* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020.

Reports Considered and Passed:

Your Committee has considered the following report and has adopted the same as presented:

- Auditor General’s Report – Managing Climate Change – dated October 2017

Reports Considered but not Passed:

Your Committee has considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2014 (*Section 16 – Managing Climate Change – concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015 (*Section 1 – Managing Climate Change - concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Forensic Audits dated October 2018 (*Thompson District Office: Special Audit of Missing Licences and Cash Management Practices - concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020 (*Managing Climate Change – Thompson District Office: Special Audit of Missing Licences and Cash Management Practices - concluded consideration of*)

On motion of Mr. MALOWAY, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. MALOWAY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Fourth Report (Second Session), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- December 4, 2018 (*4th Session, 41st Legislature*)
- August 5, 2020 (*2nd Session, 42nd Legislature*)

Matters under Consideration

- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 (Volumes 1, 2 and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audit dated August 2018
- Auditor General's Report – Understanding our Audit Opinion on Manitoba's March 31, 2018 Summary Financial Statements dated September 2018
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 (Volumes 1, 2 and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Understanding our Audit Opinion on Manitoba's March 31, 2019 Summary Financial Statements dated September 2019
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statements dated December 2019
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020
 - *Public Accounts and Other Financial Statements*

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the December 4, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. BINDLE
- Mr. HELWER (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Ms. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. WIEBE (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. WISHART
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Substitution received prior to committee proceedings on December 4, 2018:

- Ms. LAMOUREUX for Ms. KLASSEN

Permanent substitution received prior to committee proceedings on December 4, 2018:

- Mr. WISHART for Hon. Mrs. MAYER

Committee Membership for the August 5, 2020 meeting:

- Ms. ADAMS
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. SMITH (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. WASYLIW
- Mr. WISHART

Substitution received prior to committee proceedings on August 5, 2020:

- Ms. ADAMS for Ms. NAYLOR

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record at the December 4, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM

Officials Speaking on Record at the December 4, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Minister of Finance
- Mr. Jim Hrichishen, Deputy Minister of Finance

Officials Speaking on Record at the August 5, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. Tyson Shtykalo, Deputy Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Minister of Finance
- Mr. Richard Groen, Deputy Minister of Finance

Agreements:

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Public Accounts and Other Financial Statements of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020*.

Reports Considered and Passed:

Your Committee has considered the following reports and has adopted the same as presented:

- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 (Volumes 1, 2 and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audit dated August 2018
- Auditor General's Report – Understanding our Audit Opinion on Manitoba's March 31, 2018 Summary Financial Statements dated September 2018
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 (Volumes 1, 2 and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statements dated December 2019
- Auditor General's Report – Understanding our Audit Opinion on Manitoba's March 31, 2019 Summary Financial Statements dated September 2019

Reports Considered but not Passed:

Your Committee has considered but not passed the following report:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020 (*Public Accounts and Other Financial Statements - concluded consideration of*)

On motion of Mr. MALOWAY, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its First Report (Second Session), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- October 21, 2016 (*1st Session – 41st Legislature*)
- November 16, 2016 (*1st Session – 41st Legislature*)
- May 28, 2020 (*2nd Session – 42nd Legislature*)

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the October 21, 2016 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. CURRY
- Hon. Mr. EICHLER
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
- Mrs. MAYER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. REYES
- Hon. Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. SMITH

Committee Membership for the November 16, 2016 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. CURRY
- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mr. LAGIMODIERE
- Ms. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mrs. MAYER
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
- Mr. REYES
- Hon. Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. TEITSMA

At the November 16, 2016 meeting, your Committee elected Mrs. MAYER as the *Chairperson*.

At the November 16, 2016 meeting, your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the *Vice-Chairperson*.

Committee membership for the May 28, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. GUENTER
- Mr. SALA
- Hon. Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. SMOOK
- Mr. WASYLIW
- Hon. Mr. WHARTON

At the May 28, 2020 meeting, your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the *Chairperson*.

At the May 28, 2020 meeting, your Committee elected Mr. GUENTER as the *Vice-Chairperson*.

As agreed to by the House on May 27, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the May 28, 2020 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Officials Speaking on Record at the October 21, 2016 meeting:

- Peter Hak, Acting CEO
- Polly Craik, Chairperson of the Board

Officials Speaking on Record at the November 16, 2016 meeting:

- Peter Hak, Acting CEO
- Polly Craik, Chairperson of the Board

Officials speaking on the record at the May 28, 2020 meeting:

- Manny Atwal, President and CEO, Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries
- Randy Williams, Chairperson, Board of Directors

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record at the May 28, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. LAMONT

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019

On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Second Report (Second Session), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- June 25, 2018 (*3rd Session – 41st Legislature*)
- June 11, 2020 (*2nd Session – 42nd Legislature*)

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019

Committee Membership

Committee membership for June 25, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM
- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. ISLEIFSON (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Ms. MARCELINO (Logan)
- Mrs. MAYER
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Committee membership for the June 11, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. FIELDING
- Mr. KINEW
- Mr. SALA
- Mr. SMOOK (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Hon. Mr. WHARTON

At the June 11, 2020 meeting, your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Vice-Chairperson.

As agreed to by the House on May 27, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the May 28, 2020 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Officials speaking on the record at the June 25, 2018 meeting:

- Kelvin Shepherd, Manitoba Hydro President & CEO
- Marina James, Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board Chair

Officials speaking on the record at the June 11, 2020 meeting:

- Jay Grewal, Manitoba Hydro President & CEO
- Marina James, Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board Chair

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record at the May 28, 2020 meeting:

- Mr. LAMONT

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019

On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. TEITSMA, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Third Report (Second Session), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building

- January 14, 2020 (*2nd Session – 42nd Legislature*)
- July 21, 2020 (*2nd Session – 42nd Legislature*)

Matters under Consideration

- Recommendation for the appointment of the Auditor General

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the January 14, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Ms. GORDON
- Mr. JOHNSON
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARTIN
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE

- Mr. MOSES
- Ms. NAYLOR
- Mr. SMITH (Southdale)
- Mr. TEITSMA (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Committee elected Mr. MARTIN as the Vice-Chairperson at the January 14, 2020 meeting.

Committee Membership for the July 21, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Ms. GORDON
- Mr. JOHNSON
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. TEITSMA (*Chairperson*)

Your Committee elected Mr. JOHNSON as the Vice-Chairperson at the July 21, 2020 meeting.

As agreed to by the House on May 27, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the July 21, 2020 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Motions:

Your Committee agreed to the following motion at the January 14, 2020 meeting:

- *THAT a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs be struck to manage the process of hiring a new Auditor General for the Province of Manitoba, under the terms and conditions as follows:*
 - (a) *the sub-committee consist of four Government Members, two Official Opposition Members and one Liberal Party Member;*
 - (b) *the sub-committee have the authority to call their own meetings, the ability to meet in camera, and be able to undertake duties it deems necessary in order to fulfil its responsibilities in the hiring process;*
 - (c) *the sub-committee must report back to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs with a recommendation that has been agreed to by all members; and*
 - (d) *the Committees Branch staff as well as the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services staff be authorized to attend all meetings of the sub-committee.*

Your Committee agreed to the following motions at the July 21, 2020 meeting:

- *THAT the report and recommendation of the Sub-Committee be received.*

- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommend to the President of Executive Council that Tyson Shtykalo be appointed as the Auditor General for the Province of Manitoba.*
- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs authorize the Chairperson to advise the Speaker of the appointment of the Auditor General once the offer has been accepted, and to ask the Speaker to inform all MLAs in writing of this appointment as well as issue a press release prior to presentation of the committee report to the Assembly.*

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

At the July 21, 2020 meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, the Sub-Committee presented the following report.

Meetings:

Your Sub-Committee met on the following occasions:

- January 30, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
- February 10, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
- May 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
- July 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

All meetings were held *in camera* in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration:

- Recruitment and Selection of the Auditor General

Sub-Committee Membership:

Sub-Committee Membership for the January 30, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Ms. GORDON
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. WASYLIW
- Mr. WIEBE

Your Sub-Committee elected Ms. GORDON as the Chairperson and Mr. TEITSMA as the Vice-Chairperson during the meeting on January 30, 2020.

Sub-Committee Membership for the February 10, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MICKLEFIELD
- Mr. TEITSMA (*Vice- Chairperson*)
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Sub-Committee elected Mr. MICKLEFIELD as the Chairperson during the meeting on February 10, 2020.

Sub-Committee Membership for the May 21, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Ms. GORDON
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. TEITSMA (*Vice- Chairperson*)
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Sub-Committee elected Ms. GORDON as the Chairperson during the meeting on May 21, 2020.

Sub-Committee Membership for the July 21, 2020 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Ms. GORDON (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. TEITSMA (*Vice- Chairperson*)
- Mr. WASYLIW

Staff present for all Sub-Committee meetings:

- Deanna Wilson, Director, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services
- Tim Abbott, Clerk Assistant/Committee Clerk

Agreements by the Sub-Committee:

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on February 10, 2020:

- The Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services will deal with all the logistics and paperwork involved with the hiring process of the Auditor General, which includes the Advertising Plan, Selection Criteria, Advertisement and Interview Questions.
- The Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services will conduct the paper screening of applications received and report to the Sub-Committee with all qualified candidates for review.
- The Sub-Committee will review the list of qualified candidates and determine which applicant(s) to be interviewed by the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services and one representative from each party: PC, NDP and Liberal.
- The Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services will conduct interviews and report to the Sub-Committee the interview rating results for consideration and selection.
- The Sub-Committee will review the interview rating results and determine the candidate to be recommended for the position of Auditor General.

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on May 21, 2020:

- To interview the seven candidates that met the essential qualifying criteria.

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on July 21, 2020:

- Pending successful reference checks, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that Tyson Shtykalo be appointed as the Auditor General for the Province of Manitoba.
- In the event the successful candidate declines or is no longer available, the Sub-Committee agreed to meet again to discuss further options.

Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services Activities:

As agreed to by the Sub-Committee on February 10, 2020, the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services was tasked with all the logistics and paperwork involved with the hiring process of the Auditor General.

On May 21, 2020, the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services reported to the Sub-Committee a list of seven qualified candidates for review and selection to be interviewed.

The Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services considered applications for the position of the Auditor General as follows:

- Thirty-eight applications were received for the position.
- Three individuals were interviewed for the position on June 17, 2020.
- One individual was interviewed for the position on June 18, 2020.
- Two individuals were interviewed for the position on June 19, 2020.
- One individual withdrew from the process prior to the interview.

On July 21, 2020, the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services reported to the Sub-Committee the interview rating results of the six candidates.

On motion of Mr. TEITSMA, the Report of the Committee was received.

Madam Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

(Sessional Paper No. 1)

Report of Amounts Claimed and Paid pursuant to section 4 of the Members' Salaries, Allowances and Retirement Plans Disclosure Regulation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

(Sessional Paper No. 2)

Manitoba Legislative Building: Updated Long-term Restoration and Preservation Plan and Annual Implementation Plan for the fiscal years 2019/2020 to 2028/2029

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Auditor General's Report – Oversight of Post-Secondary Institutions dated October 2020

(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, the Minister of Conservation and Climate, made a statement regarding Clean Air Day.

Ms. NAYLOR and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. ISLEIFSON and KINEW, Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAMONT made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. BRAR – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. FONTAINE – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to undertake a combined review of the Vivian Sand Facility processing plant and the mining/extraction portion of the operation as a Class 3 development with a review by Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission to include the public hearings and participant funding; and to halt all activity at the mine and plant until the Clean Environment Commission's review is completed and the project proposal has been thoroughly evaluated.

Mr. LINDSEY – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living to provide ambulance services for all Manitobans without a deterrent fee, or else to provide a means by which people with innate physical conditions (disabilities) or who are pregnant will not be required to pay the fee out-of-pocket.

Ms. MARCELINO – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. NESBITT – To amend *The United Church of Canada Act*, R.S.M. 1990, c. 200 to reflect the new governance structure of The United Church of Canada and to make other incidental changes to the Act.

Mr. SALA – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. SANDHU – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WASYLIW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WOWCHUK moved, seconded by Mr. NESBITT:

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Third Session of the Forty-Second Legislature of Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. WOWCHUK, NESBITT and KINEW having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) failed to match the commitment Manitobans have shown in fighting the pandemic and recession with an equivalent effort to make things better for families, workers, seniors and business across the province; and
- b) failed to develop or implement a real and comprehensive plan to address the health care and economic needs laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic and has instead pushed forward on a path of cuts, privatization and attacks on workers; and
- c) further undermined the health care system by refusing to invest in increases to testing capacity, testing sites, supports for patients waiting to obtain a test, and refused to arrange a system for test bookings to alleviate wait times; and
- d) failed—seniors and elders in Manitoba by raising fees on residents of personal care homes during the pandemic, cutting home care services, freezing personal care home supports for years on end, and limiting access and increasing costs for seniors to obtain prescription drugs while shifting the burden of care for this vulnerable group of Manitobans by pushing more responsibilities to families; and
- e) continued to privatize essential parts of the health care system by refusing to invest in public health care and instead providing millions in contracts to for-profit corporations; and
- f) continued to undermine rural health care by moving ahead with their plan to close EMS stations across the province in communities like Grandview and closing ERs and labs in communities like Roblin and Shoal Lake; and
- g) cut Northern health care services such as closing the Flin Flon operating room during the pandemic and moving ahead with the privatization of Lifelight services; and
- h) refused to guarantee that all Federal funding for health care is spent at the bedside rather than on the Provincial Government's other priorities; and
- i) refused to address the public health crisis by failing to provide long-term investments to community organizations and offer harm reduction initiatives which help Manitobans dealing with mental health and addictions get the help they need and reduce blood borne diseases; and
- j) failed to offer any acknowledgement of the needs of Black, Indigenous or People of Colour (BIPOC) Manitobans in the Throne Speech, and presented no comprehensive plan to help reduce and end poverty, and no real plan for community safety in Manitoba; and
- k) refused to recognize the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on women in particular and refused to end the funding freeze for childcare centres across Manitoba putting many centres at risk of closing their doors, further harming Manitoba women, children and families; and

- l) diverted needed funds for childcare to high-priced consultants while early childhood educators have gone years without any wage or funding supports from the Provincial Government and continued to push the privatization of early learning and childcare services in the province instead of investing in public, affordable, accessible and high-quality childcare services; and
- m) offered no real or effective programs for small businesses to survive the pandemic, with no programs to help meet rent or cover costs associated with the purchase of PPE as many small businesses face the prospect of closing their doors; and
- n) continued to freeze funding for municipalities, forcing large communities like Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson, Dauphin, and Selkirk and smaller communities like Gimli and St. Lazare to make difficult decisions on cuts to public services and programming that keep communities safe and welcoming; and
- o) failed again to present any commitments to build new social or affordable housing despite being able to access funds from the Federal Government and made the situation worse by selling government housing units; and
- p) continued to put the long-term success of Manitoba students at risk by pushing ahead with an out of date 'review' of the education system, having already eliminated small class sizes, slashed support services, fired education assistants, cut education funding and frozen teachers wages; and
- q) refused to offer a safe back to school plan to address the concerns of teachers, educators, students and parents by ensuring small class sizes, more supports in the classroom, using new and creative spots for classroom learning and failing to ensure federal money earmarked for education actually makes it to the classroom; and
- r) continued to increase tuition for post-secondary education during the pandemic while demanding millions in cuts from provincial colleges and universities after having cut important programs in colleges such as 75 nursing spots at Red River College; and
- s) interfered with Crown Corporations numerous times, most recently by directing Manitoba Hydro to break up and sell off subsidiaries owned by the corporation including Teshmont, Manitoba Hydro International and Manitoba Hydro Telecom; and
- t) failed to offer a plan to actually use the telecommunication assets of Manitoba Hydro to bring broadband to rural and northern Manitoba, instead pushing for these assets to be sold off; and
- u) failed again to listen to Manitoba producers who have overwhelmingly said that their approach to leasing Crown lands will cause irreparable harm to family farms in Manitoba that are already dealing with serious challenges due to climate change while also failing to provide them with insurance supports during a time of need; and

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- v) continued to underspend highways infrastructure by hundreds of millions of dollars while also continuing to pursue the selling off of and privatization of infrastructure services; and
- w) cut supports for French language services at the Université de Saint-Boniface, Santé en Français, and translation services, and eliminated the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Bureau de l'éducation française; and
- x) failed to meaningfully consult with Indigenous leaderships for another year regarding the Lake St. Martin outlet channel and other initiatives that affect Indigenous rights and refused to properly recognize the legitimate rights and roles of Indigenous leadership on matters of harvesting and management of resources; and
- y) failed to implement a living wage, offered no supports for health and safety in workplaces, and are pushing ahead with a defence of a wage freeze law that was ruled to be unconstitutional; and
- z) ignored the needs of the northern communities who have lost hundreds of mining jobs by the failure to release any funds devoted to supporting mining communities; and
- aa) failed to take any meaningful action on climate change by continuing to pursue a wasteful challenge to the Federal Government's carbon tax, cutting support to local environmental groups, investing in programs for green jobs or actually make progress on important projects like upgrades to the North End Sewage Treatment Plant; and
- bb) failed to offer any supports to newcomers in the province, especially those newcomer workers who work in agricultural and manufacturing sectors every day.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 9, 2020.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.