



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

MLA MALOWAY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its First Report (Fifth Session, 42nd Legislature), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on June 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Province of Manitoba Annual Report and Public Accounts – dated March 31, 2022
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits – dated December 2022

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- Mr. GUENTER
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Ms. LATHLIN
- MLA LINDSEY
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Mr. SMOOK
- Mr. WISHART

Your Committee elected Mr. MARTIN as the Vice-Chairperson.

Permanent substitution received prior to committee proceedings:

- Mr. GUENTER for Hon. Mr. TEITSMA
- Ms. LATHLIN for Mr. WASYLIW

Substitution received prior to committee proceedings

- Mr. BRAR for Ms. NAYLOR

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Mr. Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Mr. Silvester Komlodi, Deputy Minister of Finance
- Ms. Andrea Saj, Provincial Comptroller

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Province of Manitoba Annual Report and Public Accounts – dated March 31, 2022
- Auditor General’s Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits – dated December 2022

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

MLA MALOWAY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Second Report (Fifth Session, 42nd Legislature), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on June 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General’s Report – Aging Information Systems dated February 2022.
- Auditor General’s Report – Information Systems - Privileged Access dated October 2022.

Committee Membership

- Mr. GUENTER
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Ms. LATHLIN
- MLA LINDSEY
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. WISHART

Substitution received prior to committee proceedings

- Mr. SCHULER for Mr. SMOOK

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Mr. Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Mr. Joseph Dunford, Deputy Minister of Consumer Protection and Government Services
- Ms. Lanette Siragusa, CEO of Shared Health
- Mr. Hong Chung, CIO for the Province of Manitoba
- Mr. Doug Snell, COO of Shared Health

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General’s Report – Aging Information Systems dated February 2022.
- Auditor General’s Report – Information Systems - Privileged Access dated October 2022.

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

MLA MALOWAY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Third Report (Fifth Session, 42nd Legislature), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on June 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General’s Report – Quarry Rehabilitation Program Investigation dated May 2020
- Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated March 2023
 - *Quarry Rehabilitation Program Investigation*

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- Mr. GUENTER
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. LAMONT
- Ms. LATHLIN
- MLA LINDSEY
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTIN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. WISHART

Substitution received prior to committee proceedings

- Mr. BRAR for Ms. NAYLOR

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Mr. Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Lori Stevenson, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Development Division

Agreements:

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Quarry Rehabilitation Program Investigation* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March 2023.

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Quarry Rehabilitation Program Investigation dated May 2020

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

Hon. Min. ALTOMARE presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Hon. Min. CABLE presented:

Annual Report of the University of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Annual Report of the University of Winnipeg for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 5)

Annual Report of the University College of the North for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 6)

Annual Report of Red River College Polytechnic for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Annual Report of the Brandon University for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Annual Report of the Université de Saint-Boniface for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Annual Report of Research Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Annual Report of the Department of Advanced Education and Training for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Hon. Mr. KINEW, the First Minister, made a statement regarding conflict in the Middle East.

Ms. STEFANSON and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

By leave, the House reverted to Tabling of Reports.

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN presented:

Report of The Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council respecting the certification of a qualified organization, dated October 11, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 14)

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Messrs. OXENHAM and SCHULER, Mrs. SCHOTT, Mr. NARTH and MLA LAMOUREUX made Member's Statements.

The Speaker then informed the House that Mses. Abigail Bergagnini, Abrar Bouhadi, Liz Deacosta and Sophie Jaxa Debicka, Mr. Sean Ehmann, Mses. Mai-Anh Huynh, Iva Ivanovska, Ava Pilotte and Debra Rotimi had been appointed Pages, and Ms. Elena Verrelli had been appointed Senior Page, for the First Session of the Forty-Third Legislature.

The Speaker then made a statement regarding the retirement of Patricia Chaychuk, the former Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

By leave, Hon. Min. FONTAINE, Mr. GOERTZEN and MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

MLA LOISELLE moved, seconded by MLA CROSS:

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 First Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And MLAs LOISELLE and CROSS having spoken.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to waive Rule 119 for the duration of the 43rd Legislature to allow the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, either by written approval from the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, or by leave of the Committee, to call witnesses it deems appropriate in addition to Ministers, Deputy Ministers, or the Chief Executive Officer of a Crown Corporation.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of MLA LOISELLE:

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 First Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. STEFANSON having spoken,

And Ms. STEFANSON 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 outline how the Provincial Government will make life more affordable in the long term for Manitobans struggling to make ends meet; and

- b) omitted tax relief for small businesses in Manitoba; and
- c) committed to making Manitoba a Maritime province without committing to fighting for the same carbon tax exemptions afforded to such provinces; and
- d) abandoned plans from the previous Provincial Government to build new schools to accommodate a growing student population in the K-12 system; and
- e) abandoned plans to deliver 23,000 childcare spaces to Manitoba's childcare system; and
- f) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of educators in Manitoba; and
- g) refused to address immigration or Manitoba's population in any substantial manner; and
- h) rejected much-needed upgrades to hospital projects across the province including HSC due to political ideology at the cost of Manitoba patients; and
- i) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of health care workers in Manitoba; and
- j) disbanded the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force, which provided over 85,000 Manitobans with the care they needed, with no plan to help Manitobans waiting in pain; and
- k) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will serve Manitobans waiting for surgical and diagnostic procedures in the short term; and
- l) abandoned six communities that were due to benefit from the construction of new personal care homes; and
- m) failed to address the need for treatment spaces or recovery-oriented care for people struggling with addictions; and
- n) disrespected Manitoba's seniors and those suffering from addictions by disbanding the departments dedicated to seniors, mental health and community wellness; and
- o) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will create new affordable and social housing units that are desperately needed amidst a housing shortage; and
- p) failed to commit to any meaningful action or investments in community art, culture, or non-profit and heritage projects or groups; and

- q) spurned Manitobans who appreciate and enjoy provincial parks and the recreational opportunities and precious ecosystems they hold dear; and
- r) neglected to present a plan to maintain the positive momentum of Manitoba's tourism sector which contributes over \$1 billion to Manitoba's GDP; and
- s) signalled a transition away from a positive plan to develop Manitoba's natural resource economy that was attracting record investment to the province; and
- t) failed to mention the important role that mining and mineral development play in developing Manitoba's provincial economy; and
- u) failed to denounce the previous position taken by NDP Members that policing should be defunded; and
- v) neglected to address the revolving door of catch and release through bail reform; and
- w) disbanded the economic development board and put billions of dollars in investment and thousands of jobs at risk; and
- x) jeopardized financial sustainability of Manitoba Hydro by committing to freeze hydro rates; and
- y) ignored agricultural producers and the agriculture industry which represents nearly 10% of Manitoba's GDP; and
- z) failed to commit to continuing the five-year, \$500 million annual infrastructure budget.

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 the Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. OXENHAM having spoken,

And MLA LAMOUREUX 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 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 23, 2023.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.