



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 25

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 7) – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres)

(Hon. Min. MARCELINO)

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on January 10, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Election of the Chairperson
- Election of the Vice-Chairperson

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA CHEN
- Ms. DELA CRUZ
- MLA DEVGAN
- MLA KENNEDY
- MLA KHAN
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- MLA MALOWAY
- Mr. PIWNIUK
- MLA SANDHU
- Mr. WHARTON

Your Committee elected Mr. PIWNIUK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA MALOWAY as the Vice-Chairperson.

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

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

Meetings

Your Committee met on February 16, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Election of the Chairperson

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA CHEN
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA DEVGAN
- Mr. GUENTER
- MLA KENNEDY
- MLA KHAN
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- MLA MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- MLA SANDHU
- Mrs. STONE

Your Committee elected Mr. GUENTER as the Chairperson.

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

MLA DELA CRUZ, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on January 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

Committee Membership

- MLA DELA CRUZ
- Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- MLA KENNEDY
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mrs. STONE

Your Committee elected MLA DELA CRUZ as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA KENNEDY as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during committee proceedings:

- Mr. BLASHKO for Ms. LATHLIN
- Mrs. HIEBERT for Mr. GOERTZEN

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- MLA LAMOUREUX

Officials Speaking on Record

- Sherry Gott, Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth
- Louise Lavallee, Elder

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

On motion of MLA DELA CRUZ, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. BRAR, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on February 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA KHAN
- MLA MOROZ
- Mr. NARTH
- MLA PANKRATZ
- Hon. Mr. SIMARD

Your Committee elected Mr. BRAR as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA PANKRATZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record

- Karl Loepp, Chair of the Board of Directors
- Robert Olson, President and Chief Executive Officer

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

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

MLA CROSS, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on February 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

Committee Membership

- MLA CROSS
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA DEVGAN
- Mr. NARTH
- Hon. Mr. SIMARD
- Mr. WHARTON

Your Committee elected MLA CROSS as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA DELA CRUZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record

- Gerry Sul, President and Chief Executive Officer

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

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

Mr. BLASHKO, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on February 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

Committee Membership

- Mr. BLASHKO
- Mr. JACKSON
- MLA KHAN
- MLA MOROZ
- MLA MOYES
- Hon. Min. SALA

Your Committee elected Mr. BLASHKO as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA MOYES as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record

- Hal Turner, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer
- Alastair Fogg, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer
- Ben Graham, Chair of the Board

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

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

MLA MOYES, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on February 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

Committee Membership

- MLA LOISELLE
- MLA MALOWAY
- MLA MOYES
- Mr. NESBITT
- Mr. PIWNIUK
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT

Your Committee elected MLA MOYES as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA LOISELLE as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during committee proceedings:

- MLA MOROZ for MLA MALOWAY
- MLA MALOWAY for MLA MOROZ

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- MLA KHAN

Officials Speaking on Record

- Colleen Kuruluk, Chief Executive Officer

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

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

MLA DELA CRUZ, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on March 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*

Committee Membership

- MLA DELA CRUZ (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- Mrs. HIEBERT
- MLA KENNEDY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mrs. STONE

Substitutions received during committee proceedings:

- Mr. BLASHKO for Ms. LATHLIN
- Ms. LATHLIN for Mr. BLASHKO

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- MLA LAMOUREUX
- Mrs. COOK

Motions

Your Committee agreed to the following motion:

- *THAT, as per Section 40 of The Advocate for Children and Youth Act, the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs conduct a comprehensive review of the Act as follows:*
 - (a) the Committee will firstly call the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth as a witness to provide her recommendations and answer questions.*
 - (b) the Committee will secondly hear public presentations on the Act. Any member of the public may register, and registrations will be accepted for 10 days after the Committee Report of this meeting is presented to the House. Public presentations will be up to 10 minutes long, followed by up to five minutes for questions and answers with MLAs.*
 - (c) written submissions to the Committee from members of the public will be accepted until the Committee has completed hearing public presentations.*
 - (d) after the Standing Committee has completed steps (a) through (c), a Committee Report will be presented to the House that contains all recommendations from the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth, a list of all public presenters, and all written submissions received.*

On motion of MLA DELA CRUZ, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. BRAR, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on March 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA MALOWAY
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Mr. PERCHOTTE
- Mr. PIWNIUK
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected Mr. BRAR as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA MOROZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during committee proceedings:

- MLA MOROZ for MLA MALOWAY

Officials Speaking on Record

- Satvir Jatana, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Ryan Kolaski, Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer
- Carmen Nedohin, Chair of the Board

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023

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

The Speaker tabled:

Annual Report of the Ombudsman for the year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Manitoba Legislative Building: Long-Term Restoration and Preservation Plan and Annual Implementation Plan for the fiscal years 2023/2024 to 2029/2030.

(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, the Minister of Agriculture, made a statement regarding the 2nd Anniversary of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine.

Mr. NARTH and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding National Social Work Month.

Mrs. STONE and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA KENNEDY, Mr. EWASKO and MLAs MOROZ, BEREZA and LAMOUREUX made Member's statements.

The Speaker then made a statement regarding the appointment of Tim ABBOTT as the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Following Petitions, MLA LAMOUREUX rose on a matter of urgent public importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 39(1), the regular business of the House be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely significant issues surrounding oversight into the safety and security of children in care following the horrific slayings in Carmen involving young children in the care of CFS, reports of cannabis being provided to youth in a foster home, and serious concerns involving the supervision of children in emergency placements and in need of specialized care.

And MLA LAMOUREUX, Mrs. STONE and Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Tyndall Park for a matter of urgent public importance. The 90-minute notice required prior to the start of Routine Proceedings by Rule 39(1) was provided, and I thank the Honourable Member.

Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. Critically, crucially, there must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward. Although the many issues facing children in care are indeed very serious and worthy of consideration and discussion, my duty in this moment is to determine if there are other opportunities for debate on such matters.

With that in mind, I must note that Members have had the opportunity today to make a statement on this topic during Members' Statements, and also to ask questions during Oral Questions. Further, those opportunities and others are available every sitting day in the House. As well, the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs is also currently undertaking a comprehensive review of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*, in which Members are able to participate.

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Therefore, for the purpose of today, I do not believe the motion meets the criteria as a matter of urgent public importance, as there are other opportunities to debate the matter.

With the greatest of respect, I must rule this motion out of order as a matter of urgent public importance.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. CABLE:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l’alphabétisation des adultes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLAs BEREZA, LAGASSÉ and KHAN having spoken,

And Mr. BALCAEN 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. Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.