

Preface

The appointment of the committee

The 32nd Yukon Legislative Assembly appointed the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on November 30, 2006. The members appointed were:

Arthur Mitchell
Steve Nordick
John Edzerza
Hon. Glenn Hart
Don Inverarity
Hon. Marian Horne
Hon. Patrick Rouble

At its first meeting on December 14, 2006 the Committee elected Mr. Mitchell as its Chair and elected Mr. Nordick Vice-Chair.

This report

On February 7, 2008 Sheila Fraser, FCA, Auditor General of Canada, released the report *The Government of Yukon's Role in the 2007 Canada Winter Games*. The report focused primarily on the role played by the Department of Community Services.

On the same day Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly had the opportunity to receive the report and ask questions of the Auditor General at an in-camera briefing in the Legislative Assembly chamber. The report became a public document at this time.

In preparation for the public hearing the Committee held a meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008. At this meeting members discussed the report, and drafted questions for the witnesses appearing before the Committee. At a final meeting on the morning of Tuesday, February 12, 2008 the committee members reviewed the final draft of the questions and distributed those questions amongst themselves.

The public hearing took place on February 12. The transcripts of that hearing are appended to this report.

Hon. Glenn Hart was the minister responsible for the Department of Community Services during the period covered by the Auditor General's report. Hon. Mr. Hart therefore recused himself from for the public hearing and all meetings related to the committee's preparations for the public hearing and the preparation of this report. Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), Hon. Brad Cathers substituted for Hon. Glenn Hart at the public hearing and committee meetings. Hon. Mr. Rouble and Hon. Ms. Horne were not available for the public hearing.

The Committee would like to thank Andrew Lennox, Assistant Auditor General for the Territorial Governments; Eric Hellsten, Principal, Office of the Auditor General (Vancouver office); and John Sokolowski, Director, Office of the Auditor General of Canada (Vancouver office) for their assistance in preparing the Committee for the hearings.

The Committee would also like to thank the witnesses from the Department of Community Services who appeared before it for their co-operation and their contribution to the public hearing process.