

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Hon. Anita Neville and Chris Warkentin.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Todd Norman Russell and Jean-Yves Roy for Yvon Lévesque.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations:* Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Candice Metallic, Legal Advisor; Bryan Schwartz, Legal Counsel; Tonio Sadik, Senior Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Phil Fontaine made a statement and, with Bryan Schwartz and Candice Metallic, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed — That the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk all of their proposed amendments to Bill C-30 no later than Friday, April 25, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Clerk circulate the package of C-30 amendments on Monday, April 28, 2008, and that clause-by-clause begin for Bill C-30 on Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Briefing on outcomes of the National Aboriginal Women's Summit, agreed to on November 20, 2007, be scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Minister appear on Main Estimates for two hours on either May 12 or May 14, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Chair, in consultation with the members and staff of the Committee, investigate a possible study on economic development in aboriginal communities; and that the study include visits to select communities in Canada and a meeting with the Nunavut Economic Forum.

It was agreed — That the optimum time for scheduling any trips related to the potential study on economic development could be the two weeks following the adjournment week in May (May 26 – June 6, 2008) and possibly the days surrounding May 7, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron  
Clerk of the Committee

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