



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 2

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. GOERTZEN, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Eighth Report (Second Session, 43rd Legislature), which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on November 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Investigations Report dated August 2021
 - *Municipal Development Corporations*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2024
 - *Investigations Report: Municipal Development Corporations*
- Auditor General's Investigation Report – Manitoba Municipalities and the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations dated August 2025
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Audit Recommendations dated April 2022
 - *Rural Municipality of De Salaberry: Audit of Financial Irregularities*

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA CHEN
- MLA COMPTON
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA DEVGAN
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. GOERTZEN (*Chairperson*)
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- MLA MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Mrs. STONE

Substitutions received prior to Committee proceedings:

- Mr. PERCHOTTE for Mrs. STONE

Officials Speaking on Record

- Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General
- Maurice Bouvier, Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
- Kevin McPike, Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, Municipal and Northern Support Services

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Auditor General's Investigation Report – Manitoba Municipalities and the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations dated August 2025

Your Committee completed consideration of the following chapters as presented:

- Auditor General's Investigations Report dated August 2021
 - *Municipal Development Corporations*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2024
 - *Investigations Report: Municipal Development Corporations*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Audit Recommendations dated April 2022
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On motion of Mr. GOERTZEN, the Report of the Committee was received.

The Speaker tabled:

Manitoba Legislative Building: Long-Term Restoration and Preservation Plan and Annual Implementation Plan for the fiscal years 2025/2026 to 2033/2034.

(Sessional Paper No. 1)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding Nurse Practitioner Week, November 10 to 16, 2025.

Mrs. COOK commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CHEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Hon. Ms. SMITH, Mr. SCHULER and MLA LAMOUREUX made Member's statements.

Following Oral Questions, the Speaker made the following ruling:

In the Second Session of the Forty-Third Legislature, following Oral Questions and the delivery of a Speaker's Ruling on October 29, 2025, the Honourable Member for Steinbach raised a matter of privilege regarding Members disregarding traditions of the House, specifically alleging that the Honourable First Minister ignored the Speaker's call to order and left the Chamber while the Speaker was standing and advising Members that a ruling was about to be delivered. The Member concluded his remarks by moving:

THAT this matter be referred to a committee of the House.

The Honourable Deputy Government House Leader spoke to the matter before I took it under advisement.

In order for a matter of privilege to be ruled a *prima facie*, a Member must demonstrate that the issue has been raised at the earliest opportunity, while also providing sufficient evidence to support the claim that a *prima facie* case of privilege has been established.

On the condition of timeliness, the Member raised the matter immediately after the incident in question occurred on October 29, 2025, so I would agree that he raised the matter at his earliest opportunity.

Regarding the second condition of whether a *prima facie* case was demonstrated, in his submission the Honourable Member for Steinbach related that, in that moment, he observed the Honourable First Minister leaving the Chamber after I had announced that I had a ruling for the House. The Member noted that Members remaining in their seats at such a moment is an important tradition in this place and expressed his opinion that this action by the Premier was disrespectful to the Speaker and to all Members of the House.

It is important to note here that the basis of the Member's complaint is an alleged breach of practice of this House. I reference this because Members should know that any matter concerning the members[sic] by which the House proceeds in the conduct of business would be a question of order, not privilege. Joseph Maingot, in the second edition of *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, states on page 14 that "allegations of breach of privilege by a Member in the House [...] that amount to complaints about procedures and practices in the House are by their very nature matters of order". He also states on page 223 of the same edition that "a breach of the Standing Orders or a failure to follow an established practice would invoke a point of order rather than a question of privilege".

Accordingly, I am ruling that, on this matter, the Member did not establish a *prima facie* case of privilege.

I would also remind the House that when the Speaker stands at the end of Oral Questions and announces that a ruling is about to be delivered, all Members should return to their seats and wait for the ruling to be delivered. This has been a practice of this House for many decades and should be accordingly respected.

I also need to add a clarification regarding this matter. During his submission, the Honourable Member for Steinbach referenced the fact that the Premier had started to leave the Chamber. In the moment, I intervened and reminded the Member that, this House, we should not be commenting on whether a Member is present or absent. While that is a well-established practice in this House, under the unique circumstances of raising a matter of privilege relating to the actions of a Member which included leaving the House, I was incorrect in that intervention. The Member could not have accurately raised this matter without referencing the fact that another Member was leaving the Chamber. As such, he would be allowed to make such a statement under those specific circumstances only.

I recognize that this is a unique, nuanced and rare exception to our standard practice in this place, which is why I wanted to explain myself as part of this ruling.

And I thank all Members for their attention to this matter.

From his decision, Mr. JOHNSON appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, “Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?”

It was agreed to, on the following division:

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BRAR
BUSHIE
CABLE
CHEN
COMPTON
CORBETT
CROSS
DELA CRUZ
DEVGAN
KENNEDY
KINEW
KOSTYSHYN
LATHLIN
LOISELLE

MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOROZ
MOYES
NAYLOR
OXENHAM
PANKRATZ
REDHEAD
SALA
SANDHU
SCHMIDT
SCHOTT
SIMARD
SMITH
WIEBE30

NAY

BALCAEN
COOK
EWASKO
GOERTZEN
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MLA CORBETT moved, seconded by MLA COMPTON:

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-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And MLAs CORBETT and COMPTON and Messrs. JOHNSON and BLASHKO having spoken,

And Mr. NARTH 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 20, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.