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Hon. Gordie Gosse
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Economic Development, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Committee for the period from September 2011 to August 2012 of the Sixty-First General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Pam Birdsall, MLA
(Lunenburg)
Chair
Standing Committee on Economic Development

Halifax, Nova Scotia
2012



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INTRODUCTION

Mandate

The Standing Committee on Economic Development, an all-party Committee of the House of Assembly, was struck at the beginning of the First Session of the Sixty-First General Assembly. Pursuant to Rule 60(2)(ba) of the *Province of Nova Scotia Rules and Forms of Procedures of the House of Assembly*:

(ba) the Economic Development Committee is established for the purpose of considering matters normally assigned to or within the purview of the Nova Scotia Economic Renewal Agency and the Minister responsible for the Agency and the Department and Minister of Transportation and Public Works and matters relating to the Technology and Science Secretariat.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Economic Development Committee is currently as follows:

Ms. Pam Birdsall, MLA - Chair
Lunenburg

Hon. Keith Colwell, MLA
Preston

Ms. Vicki Conrad, MLA
Queens

Mr. Geoff MacLellan, MLA
Glace Bay

Mr. Clarrie MacKinnon, MLA
Pictou East

Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Hants West

Mr. Brian Skabar, MLA – Vice-Chair
Cumberland North

Mr. Eddie Orrell, MLA
Cape Breton North

Ms. Lenore Zann, MLA
Truro – Bible Hill

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

During the period from September 2011 to August 2012 of the Sixty-First General Assembly, the Committee underwent the following membership changes:

In September 2011, Mr. Geoff MacLellan replaced Mr. Zach Churchill as a member of the Committee.

PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

The Standing Committee on Economic Development usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Legislative Committees Office. During the period from September 2011 to August 2012 of the Sixty-First General Assembly, the Committee met on the following dates:

October 18, 2011
December 6, 2011
January 10, 2012

NOTICES, TRANSCRIPTS AND REPORTS

Notices

Notices of the Committee meetings are sent to all members of the Committee, staff of the caucus offices, legislative staff and Communications Nova Scotia. The notices are also posted in Province House and are on the Committee's website at the following address:
<http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/calendar/>

Transcripts

Transcripts of the Economic Development Committee meetings are available from the Legislative Library in Province House, the Legislative Committees Office or on the Economic Development Committee's website at the following address:
http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C9/

Reports

All reports of the Standing Committee on Economic Development are compiled by the Legislative Committees Office and forwarded to Committee members for consideration. Once the report is finalized, it is then distributed as follows:

To the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, Committee Members, all witnesses who appeared before the Committee, the Legislative Library in Nova Scotia, the caucus offices and the media. The report is also available to all persons interested in obtaining a copy from the Legislative Committees Office or on the Committee's website at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/reports/economic_development

RESEARCH MATERIAL

All research for the Economic Development Committee is compiled by the Legislative Library and distributed by the Committee Clerk prior to the meeting to Committee members, caucus researchers, the Legislative Library in the Province of Nova Scotia and to Hansard Reporting Services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee wishes to extend its gratitude to all witnesses for their time and co-operation. Special appreciation is extended to: the staff of the Legislative Committees Office; Mr. Robert Kinsman, Editor of Hansard Reporting Services and staff; Mr. James MacInnes, Coordinator/Director of Legislative Television and Broadcast Services and staff; and Ms. Margaret Murphy, Legislative Librarian and staff, with special thanks to Ms. Heather Ludlow, Information Services Librarian, for her research assistance.

WITNESSES

October 18, 2011	Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Trenton
December 6, 2011	Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism <i>Industrial Expansion Fund</i>
January 10, 2012	Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism <i>jobsHere Strategy</i>

PUBLIC HEARINGS

WITNESSES

Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Trenton (DSME)

Mr. Nam-Ki Lee, Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Brad Murray, Senior Manager, Communications Relations

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about DSME Trenton and its operations. DSME Trenton is the largest manufacturing facility east of Montreal, specializing in wind turbine tower and blade manufacturing.

The members also discussed matters under Committee Business, including selection of witnesses for future meetings.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C9/ed_2011oct18

WITNESSES

Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism

Ms. Sandra McKenzie, Deputy Minister (Acting)

Mr. Marvyn Robar, Vice President, Investment

Mr. Jeff Larsen, Executive Director, Investment and Trade

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the Industrial Expansion Fund. The Industrial Expansion fund is a \$500 million fund administered by Economic and Rural Development and Tourism under the Industrial Development Act.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C9/economic_development

WITNESSES

Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism

Ms. Sandra McKenzie, Deputy Minister (Acting)

Mr. Marvyn Robar, Vice President, Investment

Ms. Lilani Kumaranayake, Executive Director, Policy and Planning

Mr. Christopher Daly, Associate Deputy Minister (Acting)

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the jobsHere strategy. The jobsHere strategy is a plan to create good jobs and grow a strong, more sustainable economy.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

The Committee requested and received the following information:

- a breakdown of how much money has been spent on jobsHere from a marketing and communications standpoint.

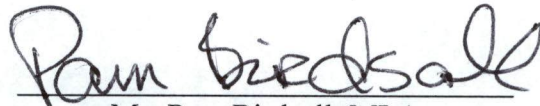
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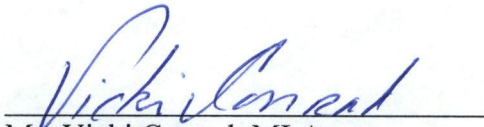
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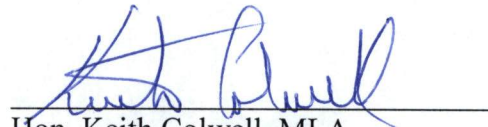
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This 16th day of October, 2012



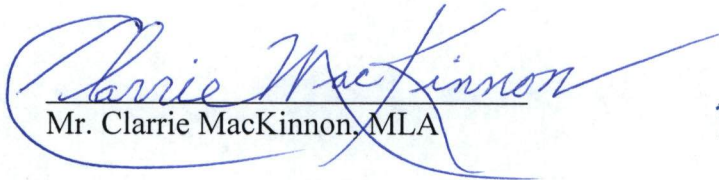
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Chair



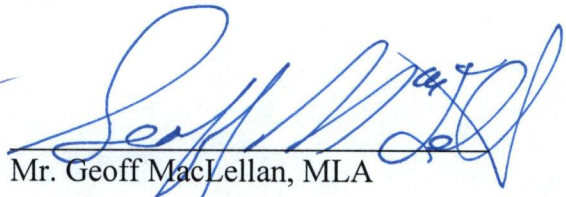
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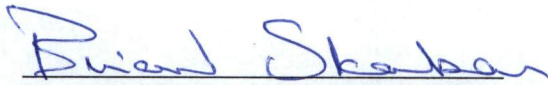
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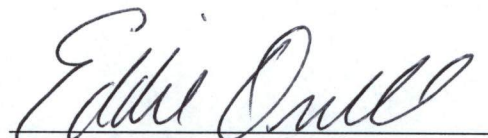
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Mr. Geoff MacLellan, MLA




Mr. Brian Skabar, MLA (Vice-Chair)



Mr. Eddie Orrell, MLA



Ms. Lenore Zann, MLA



Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

List of Information Requested

The following information was requested and received by the Standing Committee on Economic Development:

January 10, 2012

Department of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism jobsHere Strategy

- a breakdown of how much money has been spent on jobsHere from a marketing and communications standpoint.

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