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Sidney MacEwen, MLA Morell-Mermaid
Hon. Chris Palmer, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism
Hon. Richard Brown, Minister of Communities, Land and Environment

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Peter Bevan-Baker, Leader of the Third Party

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

none

GUESTS:

none

STAFF:

Joey Jeffrey, Committee Clerk

The Committee met at 1:30 p.m.

Chair (Perry): Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to welcome you to the Standing Committee on Health and Wellness. Today is Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018; this is a work plan meeting to discuss potential witnesses to come in and prioritize our work plan.

With that said, everyone had a copy of the agenda. Anybody have any additions?

Ms. Bell: (Indistinct)

Chair: Hannah.

Ms. Bell: Am I up first?

Chair: Yes.

Ms. Bell: Thank you, Chair.

There were some ones – do we need to confirm the existing ones, Chair, before we go to add any new?

Committee Clerk (J. Jeffrey): We'll discuss (Indistinct)

Chair: We can discuss them after, yes, if you want.

Committee Clerk: They're in the work plan.

Chair: That's what you're asking about, new?

Ms. Bell: Sorry, yes. I'm asking you can I (Indistinct) add some new things to it and then we'll discuss the (Indistinct)

Chair: Yes.

Ms. Bell: Thank you, Chair.

Chair: That would be under new business or it's under the work plan.

Ms. Bell: Sure, super, thank you, Chair.

Ms. Casey: (Indistinct) Mr. Chair.

Chair: Kathleen. Additions too.

Ms. Casey: I have some additions for our work –

Chair: Fine.

So do we have an adoption to the agenda?

Ms. Casey: So moved.

Chair: Thank you.

Discussion of the work plan. So, again, in front of you, each of you has the work plan that –

Committee Clerk: Joey.

Chair: – Joey had (Indistinct) for us. I'm going to actually pass it over to Joey just to give us an update on the work that he has done.

Committee Clerk: Just to go through the work plan line by line.

I did touch base with Dr. Heather Morrison just before this meeting. She couldn't present on such short notice, but she is ready to go. She also suggested that along with her 2016 report, Health For All Islanders, that she could also present on the 2017 Children's Report, if the committee decided that that was something they wanted to hear about.

The funding bed allocation group is the same as it was in the spring. I think they're waiting to finish their presentation before they come, but that's just a matter of me extending the invitation again if the committee decides that they want to meet with them next.

Basically all of these items are just – I need direction from the committee on if it's a priority and which meeting; but the invitation to all of these have been extended, it's just a matter of scheduling them with me.

There's the PEI Suicide Prevention Strategy; this is ongoing. I think as it says there, the committee had discussed at some point of getting an update on the progress of that strategy.

There's been an invitation extended to the Department of Family and Human Services for the *Child Protection Act* review. They would provide an update on that.

There was talk last spring of getting Family and Human Services in to speak about supported decision-making on Prince Edward Island. That invitation has been sent to the department, it's just a matter of scheduling it.

There's been an invitation extended to the Minister of Health and Wellness, or delegate, to brief the committee on recent home care announcements regarding Medavie and Island EMS. An invitation has gone out to the president of the nurses union and I was in touch with her, actually, late last week. She is ready to go; it just requires some notice because she's got a busy schedule.

The same with Darcy Clinton of Island EMS; he was also prepared to present but just couldn't do it on short notice.

That is the extent of everything that has been agreed to by the committee up to this point.

Chair: Thank you very much, Joey.

Sidney.

Mr. MacEwen: Thank you, Chair.

Why don't we set up meetings for every – what's our time (Indistinct)

Chair: Tuesday afternoons.

Mr. MacEwen: Every Tuesday afternoon until the House sits and let Joey fill them as need be.

Chair: I would suggest that we prioritize. Maybe that's what we should do here today is prioritize as to who we should seek. Or, if it's the committees' choice, we could just do exactly like that. Just to see who is busy or who is available.

Sidney.

Mr. MacEwen: Yes, prioritizing is one way, but I think they're all important. If we only have six weeks to the House, that's not like you know – if it was pushing it until February I might want to prioritize, but if we can get these ones in in the next month, I would be okay with whatever order these ones run, if the committee is agreeable.

Chair: I have something to add to that, would be, some of the other committees we ran into – sometimes when we have two presenters – runs over two hours times. Do we try to keep this to – I'm just going to put it out there – to one presenter? Or, depending on what the issue is, possibly two for one meeting? Any discussion on that?

Mr. J. Brown: (Indistinct) Chair if I could.

Chair: Sure, Jordan.

Mr. J. Brown: First thing, just in terms of meeting every – I'm not trying to say that we shouldn't try and get as much work done as we possibly can, but I'm just looking through my calendar there. Every Tuesday afternoon for now for the – I think I looked at three or four – I have two or three other things booked at this point in time that are important ongoing things that I know that I need to be at. I get that we should be doing stuff, but to wait all the way from June or whenever until now and then say we got to get six meetings in before we go through to the Legislature, I'm not sure that that's really a productive use of everybody's time the way that it's set up.

Chair: I think in fairness what we could do is, aim for that. Put out a request and to see availability and if there are substitutes that are available.

Mr. J. Brown: If I could suggest this, if we could set out to say this is what we're trying to do – in my mind it's one thing to say we had presentations from a bunch of different groups, but if we're not trying to accomplish something it just ends up being a bunch of presentations that we then get and make a committee report that doesn't really do a whole lot or have a whole lot of teeth, frankly.

Chair: So you're saying go back to prioritize?

Mr. MacEwen: (Indistinct) been priorities for a year. There's stuff on here – the allocation stuff was –

Mr. J. Brown: So, tackle one issue at a time and get (Indistinct) allocation stuff and just getting one presenter in to say we had a presentation on that allocation and then table that for the House.

Mr. MacEwen: This might be just pie-in-the-sky stuff for you, but I'm the health critic, I needed this stuff six months ago, not next week. So yes, we do need a meeting every week until the House comes. Find a replacement or we'll send you the update after the meeting. The transfers are all online, it's on video. You can follow it up that night or get someone to replace you.

Chair: Okay that's –

Mr. MacEwen: (Indistinct)

Chair: But that's what we'll do, we'll go back to – but thank you for that, now you do understand that. So what we'll do is we'll work on a schedule and we'll see what the availability is for substitution on that moving forward.

But I would like to go and address – do we have to take the new business in with these and then can we come back to the work plan or can we just throw this right into the work plan?

Committee Clerk: Yeah, no, we can do that.

Chair: What I want to do is I want to throw into the work plan some letters that we received.

One of the letters that has been circulated came from Sidney MacEwen. Sidney, I'm going to give you an opportunity just to discuss the two presentations that you would like to come in.

Mr. R. Brown: (Indistinct) Mr. Chairman.

I'm sorry I'm late. I was trying to get through the city. It's so busy today with four cruise ships in. The tourism department in Prince Edward Island is doing a phenomenal job (Indistinct) the tourism in PEI.

Chair: We'll mention that to the minister next time we see him.

Mr. R. Brown: Thank you.

Chair: You're welcome.

Mr. Palmer: Is that on the record?

Chair: Okay, Sidney.

Mr. MacEwen: Yes, thank you, Chair.

I had sent a letter on July 4th and it was just from a few meetings that I was having and wanted to get stuff on the agenda. So, the first one was diabetes management and insulin pumps. The province is currently consulting on a new diabetes strategy which is important for long-term management of the chronic health condition.

With that conversation in mind, it would be great to hear from provincial diabetes staff about what programs and services are currently available. It would also be good to hear from patients and families and stakeholders about possible areas where programs and services can be enhanced.

Chair: Okay, so let's just speak on that first.

Is there any discussion on that?

Kathleen.

Ms. Casey: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I think it's a good idea. It's timely and I would agree to add it to the agenda, and probably make it a priority.

Chair: Thank you.

Sidney?

Mr. MacEwen: Just as a suggestion; if we happen to book the minister for something, this could be one. I'm not sure if it was health or his former portfolio, but he came in and presented on a couple of topics; if he was going to come anyway, if he wanted to bring a second person from the department to come to talk about that.

Chair: Also on that, you're asking on that – it would be good to hear from patients and families and key stakeholders, but would it be best to go to speak to an organization that represents those people?

Mr. MacEwen: Yes.

Chair: Is that what you're asking, basically?

Mr. MacEwen: I think that would be fair.

Chair: Okay, that's fine.

And your second request?

Mr. MacEwen: It relates to mental health services for veterans. I'll read into the record:

Good access to quality mental health services and timely interventions are vital to members of this vulnerable population who suffer from PTSD or other challenges. Progressive steps were taken during the spring sitting of the Legislature to improve access to PTSD supports for Island workers.

I would like the committee to learn about access to mental health services for veterans on Prince Edward Island and how various levels of government collaborate to provide that service. I would envision the committee hearing from provincial health representatives, representatives from Veterans Affairs Canada, and from veterans and mental health advocacy communities.

Chair: Thanks, Sidney.

Any discussion on that?

The hon. Richard Brown.

Mr. R. Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I was invited to Veterans Affairs – I think it's next week or the week after for a stakeholders meeting on how they treat veterans here on Prince Edward Island. Maybe Sidney and I – you and I could go to that meeting and voice our concerns on this issue to them because it is a federal issue and I'll be going to it. I already said I'll go because veterans are important.

Chair: Any other discussion on this?

Mr. R. Brown: Thank you.

Mr. MacEwen: I have a couple possible people that could come in to present –

Chair: Sidney.

Mr. MacEwen: – from their aspect, and some of the ground work they're doing in PEI to create support groups for veterans with this type of thing. I think they want the province to be aware of it, and as well as the federal government, too.

Chair: Do you want to give them to Joey now, or do you want to relay it to him –

Mr. MacEwen: I can send you the contacts if the committee is agreeable to bring them in.

Chair: Is the committee agreeable to that?

Mr. R. Brown: Agreed.

Chair: Great, we'll move forward with that.

Mr. MacEwen: Thank you, Chair.

Chair: You're welcome.

Another letter we received on the 27th of September was from Lisa Cooper and she's representing the Native Council of Prince Edward Island.

Her request was to come in to present to this committee in her capacity as president and chief of the Native Council of PEI. She wants to present on different perspectives related to findings developed through the community mapping and survey and other sources on current health issues affecting off-reserve Aboriginal community members and recommendations for future policy implementation.

She has prepared a written submission and would like to share it with the standing committee on that day.

Open for discussion, anyone?

Kathleen.

Ms. Casey: Thanks.

Mr. Chair, I would just add her to the list and then when we prioritize, we would slide a group into the list.

Chair: Great, thank you.

Any other discussion on that? Everybody is in favour of –

An Hon. Member: (Indistinct)

Chair: Thank you very much.

Okay, so we're still on the work plan. There was discussion – and I want to make sure

when we leave here today we have some clarity as to what direction we're going. So, do we just try to slot them in as available? Or, are we going to prioritize the work plan? I would just like to know from the committee what their preference is.

Kathleen?

Ms. Casey: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I think maybe we take two or three and start with them and line those speakers up. I would suggest Dr. Heather Morrison, the Chief Public Health Officer, who said she was willing to come in to discuss her two reports; I would, for myself, I would think that would be a priority.

The other thing is I would like to have as my number two priority would be the Minister of Health and Wellness. I know the letter from Mr. MacEwen also added diabetes, so we could maybe have a list of things that we want the minister to discuss when he comes in here including the letter related to diabetes.

They would be my top two, so maybe if we start there and then see if they're available for the next meeting and then we'll work through the list.

Chair: Any other discussion?

Ms. Bell: Chair?

Chair: Hannah?

Ms. Bell: It had been said earlier about adding new items, I'd like to add to my colleagues point there that one of the ones that we had wanted to see brought forward also would require the minister, so that would be a really good use of his time and our committee's time to have two or three items that connect to each to book him for the full meeting.

In terms of prioritization, if there are sort of fixed presentation spaces, it is possible for us to do two presentations in one committee where we have, for instance, the Native Council one is a relatively fixed piece, and to give those presenters clarity as well when they come in of how much time they have so that we can try to have the two in a (Indistinct), and that way we would be

probably be able to get through quite a bit more of the list.

Chair: Absolutely, I agree.

Jordie?

Mr. J. Brown: Yeah, like I'm not a big fan of the two-in-one meeting and I'll tell you why. We've gotten into it a number of different times, and this committee is a particular example of that, where we've had a group come in and we've told them: You're presentation is a half an hour, or whatever. And then we ask them 45 minutes worth of questions and the next thing you know, people have to leave and the second group that's here hasn't even got on yet.

I don't know why – and I said it before, I'll say it again – we haven't met since the House closed, but as far as I'm concerned, we've got time to do this properly. If we think groups are worth having in, let's have them in. Let's ask them the questions that we want to ask them. Let's take the time we need to do it, and if that means coming on to another – like one group per meeting or whatever, I'd say let's do it. But, there's no sense in just trying to ram a bunch of presentations through where we don't have the opportunity to do them justice.

Chair: Thank you for that.

Any other discussion?

Kathleen?

Ms. Casey: Mr. Chair, are you accepting new ideas now for the –

Chair: Yes.

Ms. Casey: Okay.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I would like to add, as everybody knows on the committee, that I've been an advocate for midwifery in the province for many, many years and I would like to have an update on where the province is on midwifery and maybe that's something we add to the minister when he comes in, or the person responsible for furthering the midwifery program.

Also added to that would be an advocacy group, BORN; if they could come in as well and talk about midwifery. I also know of a midwife who works in a hospital setting in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, who is from Prince Edward Island who worked in Ontario for a number of years. She's offered to come to Prince Edward Island and talk about midwifery in the hospital setting and she actually came in to rescue the program in Nova Scotia and how she's built up the program to a very successful program in Nova Scotia and I have her name. I can pass that on to the clerk.

The other thing I would like to add, my number two to the working order, is the concern of missed appointments through digital imaging and we heard about that through the House in the last session. I just want an update as to where that stands and if the missed appointments has gone down.

There are many programs out there, and I've stated it in the House, my dentist, my hairdresser has a program that is a digital program. It comes to your phone, press C to confirm your appointment. It's a week out and it's the day before. I do know digital imaging calls you the day before to remind you of your appointment, but that's manpower and I'm just saying this is a digital program that's very successful in other industries and I just want to know where they are.

I don't know if we take the director of digital imaging who's responsible –

Ms. Bell: (Indistinct)

Ms. Casey: – or we add that to the minister when the minister comes in as well.

Chair: Great.

Ms. Casey: I'll leave that to the committee's discretion.

Thank you.

Chair: Thank you very much.

Two very important presentations that I think we could use in this committee.

Hannah?

Ms. Bell: Thank you, Chair.

So following on from that, the minister sounds like he's going to be busy. We had a request to get an update on the expansion of services for ostomy supports and the proposal was that that would be modeled on the diabetes support program, so there actually is a link there, so we'd like to hear that update.

We'd also like to hear from the province or from the health department around the work on smoking cessation and enforcing existing legislation around smoking cessation. Frank Morrison is the subject matter expert, so I can provide that contact information to the clerk.

We're also seeking an update on the mental health teams in schools, particularly around the evaluation of the work that they're doing, so what (Indistinct) measures and evaluations. We're not sure whether that fits in this space, but it is part of the mental health expenditure, so it seemed appropriate that if there is an evaluation happening it would happen under the health portfolio.

The other one was an update or information on the national pharmacare program negotiations, so (Indistinct) federal and intergovernmental.

Chair: Kathleen?

Ms. Casey: Mr. Chair, just for clarification: I used the word, when I was talking digital imaging and missed appointments; I think I should have used diagnostic imaging instead of digital imaging. So if we could change my words to diagnostic imaging, I would appreciate that.

Chair: Perfect.

Ms. Casey: Thank you.

Chair: No problem.

Darlene.

Ms. Compton: Thank you, Chair.

I think we should get the health minister in here and keep him here.

I'm wondering about breast density screening. It's become quite a topic, and I know Kathy Kaufield has done great work in New Brunswick and I think it's something that needs to be on the radar –

Ms. Casey: Absolutely.

Ms. Compton: – as far as this committee and the province.

So if we could look into getting her here or talk to the minister about is it on the radar of the province and what are we going to do about it? I think there needs to be just some work around making people aware. I don't think we need to expend a lot of money right away, but to make women aware that it is an issue and we need to be diligent with that.

The other thing is the KCMH, at the Kings County hospital and where we're at with that, the ER and what the plan is, if there is a plan. I know the minister has talked about it a number of times and there was a good meeting in July, but still an issue I'm hearing about all the time is yes, supposedly we have increased the hours but we really haven't. They're decreased, and it's one of the issues I hear regularly about keeping the hospital open and keeping the emergency room open, so those are two that I would like to see put on the list for sure.

Chair: Thanks, Darlene.

Any other additions?

Richard Brown.

Mr. R. Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

There seems to be a number of items building up on the agenda here, and for efficiency purposes, maybe we can get some of these answered without the minister being here. Like, the bed allocation, extend an invitation to the Department of Family and Human Services to provide an update on the *Child Protection Act*.

Like, they should be – I'd prefer the report or whatever they're going to present us a week before, instead of sitting here and seeing it for the first time, and then that way we could have our questions ready.

Ms. Casey: Good idea.

Mr. R. Brown: Or the report may be good enough that we may get all our answers from the report.

Chair: Yeah.

Mr. R. Brown: Maybe we can suggest to the –

Some Hon. Members: (Indistinct)

Mr. R. Brown: – the people that are involved here – you know, we've got to extend an invitation to the family services to speak about support decision making in PEI, maybe they could come up; extend an invitation to the minister of health or delegate to brief the committee on the recent home care announcements regarding Medavie and Island EMS, and then we have an extended invitation to the manager of EMS to brief the committee on home care. Maybe the two of them could get together and prepare a report for us and from that report we'd be a lot more efficient or we could then send questions back to them to get clarification.

Chair: Thank you, Richard.

Chris Brown.

Some Hon. Members: (Indistinct)

Chair: Chris Palmer. I'm going through the Browns.

Mr. Palmer: I would like to support what Richard said; and can we put a deadline on it when we send it out to the various groups to say we're looking for some kind of report back to us but we want it in a week or two weeks or whatever it is so that it can kind of fit inside of our schedule?

Chair: Exactly.

Mr. Palmer: And then if we have more questions on it, then we'll invite them here to make a presentation, which I think would kind of get it into the timeline that we're looking for and then we'd be able to have a more focused discussion.

Chair: Okay.

Jordie?

Mr. J. Brown: I can give you a real quick update on the supported decision making here now, which would tell you that I doubt very much family and human services is ready to have somebody come in and speak on it.

There is somebody from my justice department that was, I think, seconded over there or moved to work on that, and I don't think they had a return expected on that kind of imminently. I think this just happened in the last couple of months, so you might want to not put that right at the top of the to-have-done-in-the-next-six-weeks if you expect to get something out of them.

Chair: Any other discussion?

So what I'm going to do is there's quite a bit that was added onto our work plan, so we're going to have to be very aggressive to try to get through this. We did add – Kathleen had added a few items on it, Hannah and Darlene.

I do like Richard's suggestion to maybe pick off some of these through the departments to see where they're at, and before they – prior to coming in, that we can have those reports in hand, and it would make it much easier for us when they do present to ask questions or to have a little better understanding of it so it wouldn't be so much of a surprise and we'd have some prep time.

Joey, I guess you have all of that –

Committee Clerk: Yes.

Chair: – down, written down.

Committee Clerk: Yeah.

Chair: And what you're going to, I guess – just a moment, Sidney, just one sec.

Is there any clarification that you need, Joey, moving forward before –

Committee Clerk: No. I think the only thing that – and sorry, Hannah, correct me if I'm – for the, was it mental health evaluation in schools?

Ms. Bell: There's a mental health team, the onsite teams that are placed in schools. So it's to find out –

Committee Clerk: Okay.

Ms. Bell: – how is that, how they're being evaluated in terms of the impact and outcomes that they're achieving.

Committee Clerk: And is there a person?

Ms. Bell: I can find out.

Committee Clerk: Okay.

Chair: Okay.

Sidney?

Mr. MacEwen: Thank you, Chair.

Two things: Hannah, the smoking cessation group, they were here last year if I'm not mistaken. Should we ask them for an update, or did they want to come in and present again, or is there anything new or –

Ms. Bell: I know when we met with them there was concern around the enforcing existing legislation, and then the additional impact because of the legislation for cannabis. What we could do is clarify whether that is an update that would serve, because obviously we talked about with the work plan here that may be more effective. So I'll follow up with Joey on that.

Chair: Great.

Thanks, Hannah.

Ms. Bell: Yeah, of course.

Mr. MacEwen: (Indistinct) Chair.

Chair: Sidney.

Mr. MacEwen: Thank you.

The funding bed allocation group; I had put in a request for them, I think it was a year ago October and I know they talked a couple of times about maybe not being ready or not interested. I'm not sure what the right wording was, but I would be quite interested in actually having them because they said in the fall, they said they'd be ready in the spring, and the spring they said we weren't quite ready, so I would really like to have that group in because I think that's more of a back-and-forth question-answer session.

Chair: Okay, thank you.

Jordie.

Mr. J. Brown: Can I just ask who we are talking about? On the smoking cessation, I think she mentioned Frank. We did have the group in that was –

An Hon. Member: (Indistinct)

Mr. J. Brown: What's that?

An Hon. Member: (Indistinct)

Mr. J. Brown: Well, I'm just saying we've had a couple of different groups in over time on smoking cessation, so there's Frank, and I think Gary MacDougall's involved in that –

An Hon. Member: Yes.

Mr. J. Brown: – and a bunch of them, and then – but there's Dr. Ian Reid, not Randy Campbell's brother, Scott Campbell, Marlene Mulligan and whatever entities they're representing that we've also had in.

I'm just wondering who we are talking about when we're saying that.

Chair: So Hannah, I'll put that back to you again. Is it the same group that we had in with the presentation to inquire about what update they have, or is this a different group with the same interest?

Ms. Bell: Well, obviously I wasn't here for the meeting of them, so I will have to find out and come back to you.

Chair: Okay.

Ms. Bell: I'm happy to follow up.

Chair: Perfect, okay.

Ms. Bell: Okay?

Chair: Thanks, Hannah.

Ms. Bell: Yeah.

Chair: Any other discussion?

So I guess we can leave it at that. Joey can get in touch with us as to who he can get to

present, and times. We'll send out a schedule to see who is available and substitutions if need be.

Sidney?

Mr. MacEwen: Chair, do we have a commitment to try and fill the weeks leading up to? Perhaps not the Wednesday right before a House session, or a Tuesday –

Chair: Tuesday, yeah.

Mr. MacEwen: Because even if we're talking about going with single presentations per day, that's not much time.

An Hon. Member: (Indistinct)

Chair: Yeah.

What we will do is we will set it up so that we have that schedule set for each Tuesday and, again, circulate it for availability and if we have quorum, we'll go ahead. Depending on the presenters – but I'm pretty sure we have so many to select from that we shouldn't have any trouble getting them in, you know?

Mr. MacEwen: Chair?

Chair: Sidney.

Mr. MacEwen: Thank you.

I'm wondering if our clerk, Joey, could send out an appointment for January, February and March as well, on Tuesday afternoons just so we have that in our schedules, so that – I understand, minister, that booking for the next four weeks is tricky when we're just doing it four weeks out.

But, if we have ministers on the committee, which was a new decision a year or so ago, or a year or two ago, we book that time well in advance because we know our list is going to extend out into the New Year, and then we always know that Tuesday afternoons are the time for this committee and if something does come up, we'll have plenty of time to say: I'll get someone else to fill in for me.

Chair: Well, I'm sure we can put it in the calendar and, again, we'll circulate it and see it for availability on that time.

Mr. MacEwen: Thank you.

Chair: Chris?

Mr. Palmer: Just for clarification, Chair.

When we are getting people in we're asking for a presentation to come beforehand, even if they are coming here to present to us? Is that correct, that we're looking for some kind of a report that we can kind of be up to speed as much as we can before they come here? Is that correct?

Chair: It was my understanding that was from most of them, right?

Some Hon. Members: (Indistinct)

Chair: That required a report or an update that we'd have something prepared and given to us and circulated prior to them coming in to present. Is that correct?

Mr. R. Brown: Yeah.

Mr. Palmer: Perfect.

Ms. Casey: Mr. Chair?

Chair: Darlene and then – sorry, yeah.

Ms. Compton: Just on that same note; I think if we have something that we can do our homework on, the meetings are going to go a lot quicker and maybe we can have two or three presentations.

If we can be more succinct – we already know instead of just getting it passed to us and trying to read through it as they're presenting. I think it would be efficient for the committee if we could do that.

Chair: (Indistinct) and Kathleen.

Ms. Casey: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

My understanding was that there are a couple of groups that won't necessarily be coming in to give us a presentation but we might be able to find out information we're looking for via a letter only to the group. That was my understanding.

Mr. R. Brown: Yeah.

Chair: It depends on, I guess again, my understanding was and correct me if I'm wrong, it depends on what the particular issue and what the update in that report may be. We may not have to have them come in, but that would be something that we could decide at a future meeting.

Ms. Casey: Great, thank you.

Chair: That was through new business, so call for adjournment?

Ms. Casey: So moved.

Chair: Thank you, Kathleen.

Thank you, guys, very much.

The Committee adjourned