

Chapter 3

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

1.0 MAIN POINTS

The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) provides housing and housing services for people who cannot otherwise afford adequate, safe, and secure shelter. SHC's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 are reliable and it complied with authorities governing its activities related to financial reporting, safeguarding resources, revenue raising, spending, and investing.

In 2012, SHC had effective rules and procedures to safeguard public resources except that it did not ensure that its information technology (IT) service provider had tested its disaster recovery procedures. Testing disaster recovery procedures is necessary to ensure that delivery of critical services can continue in the event of a disaster.

This chapter also contains the status of one previous recommendation agreed to by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Social Services (Ministry) is responsible for SHC. The mandate of the Ministry is to support citizens at risk as they work to build better lives for themselves through economic independence, strong families, and strong community organizations.¹ SHC provides housing and housing services for people who cannot otherwise afford adequate, safe, and secure shelter.

In 2012, SHC had total revenues of \$210.8 million and total expenses of \$210.8 million. At December 31, 2012, SHC had total assets of \$321.5 million. SHC's annual reports can be found at www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/housing.

3.0 AUDIT CONCLUSIONS AND FINDINGS

Our Office worked with KPMG LLP, the appointed auditor, to form our opinions. We followed the framework in the *Report of the Task Force on Roles, Responsibilities and Duties of Auditors*.²

In our opinion, for the year ended December 31, 2012:

- › **SHC had effective rules and procedures to safeguard public resources except for the matter described in this chapter**
- › **SHC complied with the following authorities governing its activities relating to financial reporting, safeguarding public resources, revenue raising, spending, borrowing, and investing:**

¹ Ministry of Social Services 2011-12 Annual Report, p. 6.

² See our website at www.auditor.sk.ca.



The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Act
The Financial Administration Act, 1993
Orders in Council issued pursuant to the above legislation

SHC had reliable financial statements

3.1 Agreement for Disaster Recovery Needs Improvement

We recommended that the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation sign an agreement with the Information Technology Office that includes testing of disaster recovery procedures. (2011 Report – Volume 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement August 28, 2012)

Status – Not Implemented

At December 31, 2012, SHC's agreement with its information technology service provider (Information Technology Office) did not adequately address testing of disaster recovery procedures. As a result, SHC does not know whether systems and data can be restored on a timely basis in the event of a disaster.

4.0 EXHIBITS

4.1 Status of Previous Recommendations of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

This exhibit provides an update on recommendations agreed to by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PAC) that are not yet implemented and are not discussed earlier in this chapter.

PAC Report Year	Outstanding Recommendation	Status
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation – Long-term capital plan (2004 Report – Volume 1)		
2005	15-1 that the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation's capital plan should show: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The specific measures the Corporation would use to determine the appropriate size, mix, and condition of the housing portfolio (i.e., performance measures)- The starting point of each measure (i.e., baseline)- What the Corporation expects to achieve with the housing portfolio and by when (i.e., targets)	Partially Implemented (as of March 31, 2012) We plan to do a follow-up in 2014.