

**Standing Committee on The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act**

**Tuesday, September 15, 1981**

*Chairman: Dr. Reid*

*9:35 a.m.*

MR CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We now have a quorum, so we'll start. Before the minister introduces his guests, I'd like to inform the committee that the meeting with the Minister of Economic Development has been postponed from 1:30 to 3:30 on September 21, because he has another engagement which would be rather difficult to break. So we'll be a little late next Monday afternoon. It will be starting at 3:30. When it will finish, of course, will depend upon the function of the committee.

MR PAHL: Mr. Chairman, the meeting will start, or he will attend the meeting at that time?

MR CHAIRMAN: It would be a bit difficult to arrange somebody else in the meantime because we have all the other ministers scheduled.

MR PAHL: So the meeting will come to order at 3:30?

MR CHAIRMAN: What I was going to ask was does the committee wish -- I was going to let that sink in and then we'll ask subsequently whether we want to meet at 1:30 and start on other matters.

This morning we have the Minister of Recreation and Parks, with some of his departmental people, people from Kananaskis Country. So without any further ado, I would ask the minister to introduce the members of his department and, if he wishes to make any preliminary statements and remarks, go straight on from there. Thank you, Mr. Minister.

MR TRYNCHY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to introduce the group with me. Barry Mitchelson, on my right, is my new deputy minister; Ed Marshall, on my left, is managing director of Kananaskis Country; and Colin Sutherland is treasurer, co-ordinator, financial wizard of Kananaskis Country.

To begin with, Mr. Chairman, just a few opening remarks. In 1973, we started the concept of using heritage funds for Fish Creek Park, which we thought was an exciting program. Following that, we got involved in the urban parks policy, with parks in the larger centres, such as Fish Creek Park in Calgary. Now we have moved to the five largest centres in the province. Then, of course, we have the exciting and unique family recreation concept in Kananaskis Country, which we're here to review this morning.

We've presented to you, Mr. Chairman, and to your members a summary sheet, a status report, of three pages. If you look at the columns on it, I'd just like to review with you what they actually mean. In the first column would be the actual 1980-81 expenditures. The second column is the total expenditures on that project, to March 31, 1981, the year we are reviewing. The third column is percentage of work completed, but this does not relate to percentage of funds spent on that project. In some cases, a project is 70 per cent

completed and it could have used 60 or 80 per cent. It's just completion of project in terms of the actual work and not dollars.

I'd like to spend a few moments on the questions that were raised in regard to roads. The question was asked of the Minister of Transportation -- I looked through *Hansard* -- do we have a long-range, three to five year, road program? Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to say, yes, we do. It's a six year program, developed in 1979, with a total of \$103.6 million. The expenditures were broken down over a six-year period. I have those for you, and I'm sure we can get involved in those.

I'd like to say that the program for roads and road development -- the question was asked how far it was going to the south of Kananaskis. Our program will have road development to the south boundary of Kananaskis. We stay within the Kananaskis Country on the south side.

A question was also asked what took place on the so-called hidden road, I think the term was. It's a road done by the local ID committee No. 8. It was funded by the cottage owners or the ID -- I'm not sure which -- some \$87,000. It does not come out of heritage funds. As a matter of fact, the cottages and the site they are on are excluded from Kananaskis Park. So it's outside the Kananaskis Park.

We will be following the proposed program we outlined in 1979. There may be some deletions and there may be some additions, but as of today's report, we're pretty well on schedule and on budget.

I'd just like to close by saying that Kananaskis Country is providing a new concept in family recreation, which includes camping, fishing, bicycle trails, hiking trails, golfing, cross-country skiing, and many, many other facilities. I understand that the committee will be touring Kananaskis, and I'm pleased to hear that. We will provide all the assistance we can to you, through Ed Marshall's office, to make sure your tour is interesting and educational. There are many great things to see there. We'll start to open some facilities on September 22.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll be pleased to answer any questions members have.

MR NOTLEY: Mr. Minister, with the \$103 million you indicated for roads, and the figures here, I wonder if we could get the final total we expect for this project, as of today. That includes everything, all the items you've indicated here. When we get a hundred per cent finished, what will the total expenditure be?

MR TRYNCHY: The total expenditure on roads as we have it -- and we're on program; we haven't had any deletions or additions -- at this time would be \$103.6 million in 1979 dollars.

MR NOTLEY: Do we have any estimates what that in fact will be when we complete the project? We're talking about 1979 dollars.

MR TRYNCHY: The only thing that should be included would be the inflation factor, and I'm not a judge of that. Our road program runs through 1984-85. Whatever the inflation factor is from 1979 to that time will, of course, have to be added.

MR NOTLEY: As I recall, the Minister of Transportation gave an estimate on that. Can we have an estimate on all the other features of the program, first

of all, in 1979 dollars, and then what the estimate will be when all these other aspects are completed?

MR TRYNCHY: You're asking now for the total Kananaskis?

MR NOTLEY: Right.

MR TRYNCHY: Mr. Chairman, if the members would go back to November 13, 1980, pages 1502 and 1503, when I stood in my place and announced the total concept of Kananaskis, the total dollars then -- and they are the same today, plus inflation -- was \$200,394,965 in 1980 dollars. That was all spelled out in *Hansard* at that time.

MR NOTLEY: Now, do we have any updated figures in terms of what the estimated cost would be when it is completed?

MR TRYNCHY: Just the inflation factor added to it.

MR NOTLEY: What inflation factor are we using?

MR TRYNCHY: Whatever the provincial inflation factor is -- I'm not a judge of that -- whether it's 13, 15, 12, or 11.

MR NOTLEY: What experience do we have in the last year? We have 1980 figures. We would have the experience now of the last eight or nine months. What experience do we have of this last year?

MR TRYNCHY: I'm not sure I have the inflation factor. In Recreation, I recall, we're using an inflation factor of 13 to 15 per cent. That's in Recreation grants. If that applies to this -- Mr. Marshall, would you have a comment on that, or Barry?

MR MITCHELSON: I believe the estimate, that has been established by Housing and Public Works for this year, which we're building in for an inflation factor for any capital projects we would undertake is 15 per cent.

MR NOTLEY: When we had the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care here we had an estimate of the university Health Sciences Centre as to what the total cost would in fact be when it is completed. Bearing in mind what your colleagues are doing in other departments with heritage trust fund expenditures, do we have any estimate now of what the total cost will be?

MR TRYNCHY: It would be the same figures I announced in the House in 1980, \$200 million plus inflation. We'll take the yearly average, year by year. It's pretty hard to predict ahead of time because if we use 15 per cent this year and it goes to 5 per cent next year, we wouldn't be right. But if we use 15 per cent for next year and it went to 20 per cent, again, we wouldn't be accurate. I think you could figure that just as easily as we could.

MR NOTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I would presume the department would have some preliminary figures. The Department of Hospitals and Medical Care certainly had preliminary figures as to what they considered the total cost would be. Assuming that your department would do the same thing, Mr. Minister, you must at this stage be in a position to give us some kind of estimate as to what the

completion cost will be. You're obviously using some kind of figures -- 15 per cent this year. What is the total you predict at this stage?

MR TRYNCHY: We're using the 15 per cent figure for this year, and we're estimating a 15 per cent figure for next year. At the end of next year, Kananaskis Country should be pretty well all completed except the roads. That's where we're at. So if you add that to the \$200 million, you have a figure of -- you can figure it out.

MR R SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, a supplementary question on that subject. A concern that has arisen in this committee over Kananaskis is really the accountability in the projects and are we getting good value for our dollar. The other question I raise is that under the circumstances of 15 per cent inflation, has any consideration been given to possibly not proceeding with some of the projects, of cutting back on the expenditure, of trying to live within some kind of guidelines? I know the government sort of has given this project an open purse approach, but in terms of accountability -- and inflation is rising significantly -- has there been any reassessment of the projects, saying there are some things we can't afford at this time and there are other priorities in government? And I can name a few. Mr. Chairman, has the minister or departmental officials looked at it with that perspective in mind?

MR TRYNCHY: Mr. Chairman, first I would have to take issue with accountability because we have it there, and we don't have an open purse. Each year, we come forward with our budget. We budget X number of dollars each year, and we try to expend those dollars in the best possible way. We do go to tenders on all our projects. Housing and Public Works, of course, is responsible for buildings; we don't control that. But we feel there is a good story to tell out there in regard to accountability, and we have that.

We have started most of the projects, and I suppose you could stop and say we don't want to do some of them. We haven't arrived at that decision. We're moving along with the projects that we feel are necessary to make Kananaskis one of the most exciting areas in Canada, for that matter. We're trying to live within the guidelines, and we are.

MR SINDLINGER: Mr. Trynchy, there is a sense of *deja vu* here about this. A year ago at this time, we had the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care here and were talking about hospital costs and the control mechanisms in place for them; are you sure there were control mechanisms. We had the minister back here a few weeks ago, and he indicated that, unfortunately, those control mechanisms weren't as good as they thought they were at the time. There were large cost overruns. He ascribed those cost overruns to three different things. One was a change in concept, plan, or details. The other was mismanagement and just plain cost overruns. The third was inflation.

Today you're telling us, I presume -- and I'd like to clear this up -- that the project is on track today and that you are on budget, and that if your costs have gone above what was anticipated, it's due solely to inflation and there has not been any change in concept, plan, or detail, nor any mismanagement. Is that correct?

MR TRYNCHY: That's correct.

MR SINDLINGER: Thank you.

MR TRYNCHY: I might just add, Mr. Chairman, that when we go to tender on some of our projects -- and I made a good example of that last fall in *Hansard*. We had a tender come in which we thought was too high, so instead of going by tender we did it with our own forces and came in within a few dollars of our estimated original proposed cost. So that's what we're doing. If we feel tenders are too high, we do not accept them. That's how we control our costs.

MR SINDLINGER: I understand that, and I know you have good business practice in that sense. The only thing I'm trying to establish is whether or not there has been any change in your original direction or tack since you got up in your place, as you referred to earlier; that is, you haven't changed any details of the plan or concept, or added any new things or deleted anything?

MR TRYNCHY: No, we haven't added anything for the year we're talking about. If there are any additions to it, they're not here. We are staying with the proposed plan I announced last fall. Like I said, we're pretty well on schedule and pretty well on budget.

MR SINDLINGER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR LITTLE: Mr. Chairman, are there any roads in this road program that you would consider specifically for the use of the '88 Olympics?

MR TRYNCHY: No, Mr. Chairman, but of course if the roads are built and we happen to be successful in getting the Olympics, naturally they'll be using some of the roads. But no roads are being constructed with heritage fund dollars for the Olympics.

MR LITTLE: Of course, the import of the question is whether the funds should be coming from the Olympic committee for these roads.

MR TRYNCHY: They're all done within Kananaskis Country for Kananaskis concept for the people of Alberta and for others.

MR LITTLE: The \$103 million is strictly within Kananaskis Country? There is no portion of this for the access to the recreation area; for example, Longview or the Coleman access?

MR TRYNCHY: The proposed program just extends to the southern boundary of Kananaskis Country. It doesn't go outside the boundary to the south.

MR LITTLE: What is that boundary?

MR TRYNCHY: Close to Cataract Creek. If you have your Kananaskis folder -- Ray has one. That's right. That's the boundary of Kananaskis. On the southern boundary, on the bottom of that map, is where we would stop with this program.

MR R SPEAKER: I have two different question for the minister. One is with regard to the total expenditures to March 31, '81, \$66 million. In rough terms, at this date today, what expenditures have been made this summer and how close are we to the \$235 million at this point? Are we at \$175 million?

MR TRYNCHY: Total dollars spent to date would be \$66 million plus what we've done this year. Our budget for this fiscal year was \$60,321,000, and we probably won't have spent all of that when we reach March 31, 1982.

MR R SPEAKER: So we're in the vicinity of \$110 million to \$120 million of expenditure out of the \$235 million?

MR TRYNCHY: \$66 million to date plus what we've spent this year. If that's \$50 million, you could add that to it; if it's \$40 million -- you're in that range.

MR R SPEAKER: With regard to the cottages in the park area, I was trying to locate them on the map but it isn't clear where they actually are. Are there any other areas that are excepted from the plan such as that area; in other words, an island within Kananaskis park that is independent from any of the park regulations, rules, whatever? Are there any other areas like that in that Kananaskis area?

MR TRYNCHY: I don't think so. Ed, would you like to enlarge on that?

MR MARSHALL: Yes, sir, I'd be glad to, through the Chair. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing that quite compares to that cottage area. It's an old development that has been there for some 15 to 20 years. Outside of a knot of private holdings around Bragg Creek, which is still in Kananaskis Country, and the housing that exists in the Canmore corridor, there is almost none, sir, except one private holding west of Turner Valley. It's about 2,000 acres, but there is no development on it of any kind. It's an old, old holding that I think in time goes beyond the first war. But outside of that particular subdivision on the Lower Kananaskis Lake, there is nothing else of the kind, and nothing contemplated.

MR R SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, to the minister or Mr. Marshall: has the government through any regulation over the kind of development that would occur within that isolated subdivision that is there -- in other words, can the cottage owners have private access to the lake? I understand the government owns a piece of land between the lake and the cottages. Are there any controls at all as to what can and cannot be done with that piece of property?

MR TRYNCHY: Mr. Chairman, leases will spell that out, and they are now under review for a further 10 years. I understand they are 10 year leases. That question should properly be put to the Associate Minister of Public Lands and Wildlife. The leases were for a 10 year period. They will now be renewed. There will be guidelines put on by the Associate Minister of Public Lands and Wildlife in regard to the type of leases they will be getting.

MR R SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, the leases will be changed, in other words, so that there will be further controls so they will not infringe on the objective of Kananaskis park?

MR TRYNCHY: That's right. The leases will be such that there will be no expansion and, of course, public lands will remain public lands between their leases and the water body. It will be probably a little tighter controlled than in the past. As you're well aware, they were there before Kananaskis

Country. That's why they were excluded; that's why they are under the jurisdiction of the ID.

MR R SPEAKER: Could the minister indicate to me when they were excluded? In the original progress report, No. 1 of October 1976, of the Kananaskis planning team, they recommended that a policy should be established to buy up the cottages as they were available or were to be sold by the present occupants. When did that policy change and when was this area isolated as not being part of the park?

MR TRYNCHY: Well, they were never a part of the park, even in what you're looking at, and the policy in regard to the purchase hasn't changed. If a cottage owner in that area would like to sell, we have the right of first refusal. That has been there all the time, so there have been no changes to that.

MR R SPEAKER: Under the present circumstances, no further cottages can be built in that subdivision area. Is that accurate?

MR TRYNCHY: That's right. We're using the provincial parks system lease. If you are the owner of a cottage in a provincial park and wish to sell it, you give the right of first refusal to the government or it stays within the family for some length of time. We're not forcing anyone to sell.

MR R SPEAKER: The road that is there was paid for by the present cottage owners -- some \$87,000. Was any public money at all, from either the local improvement district or the provincial government, put into that road?

MR TRYNCHY: The road development was done by the local ID board No. 8. They get it back whichever way they want. It wasn't done by the cottagers; it was done by ID 8. No heritage funds are in that road. If government funds are ID, I guess you have to include that.

MR R SPEAKER: Just a normal allocation of funds provided for the ID, and that's all.

MR TRYNCHY: It was all done with local ID dollars.

MRS FYFE: Mr. Chairman, I notice mention in the report related to accessibility for the handicapped or the disabled in the amphitheatre and special accommodation. Are these the only areas where handicapped are accommodated?

MR TRYNCHY: No, Mr. Chairman. We have a special user facility, which has four cottages, with two sides to each cottage, that can accommodate a number of people. That will be opened sometime later this month. That is available for special users, the handicapped. We also have now moved with a new development at the Oxbow, which is just across from Barrier Lake, next to Mt. Lorrette, where we are paving a section of trails and roads for the handicapped, where we have stocked ponds for fishing. That's on stream now. We also have all our facilities, such as toilets -- all our campgrounds are specially designed for wheelchair people. So a number of things are available to the handicapped. There are some trails that are paved for handicapped people.

MRS FYFE: Thank you. Have you been able to determine if in fact the handicapped have been using the facilities?

MR TRYNCHY: I'm not familiar if they have. Maybe Mr. Marshall would answer that.

MR MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, there is use now, primarily with groups of children who go out with some sort of a guide. You see window vans, or whatever you want to call them, on many occasions out there of youngsters having a trip into the country. That's one use. It's not uncommon to see people accompanied by others now in wheelchairs, making use of the facilities that exist. But it's a little difficult for them and, of course, that's the reason for going through this process, to make it as easy as possible.

The special user facility, which will open soon and is now in the finishing landscape stage, has had some tests made of it, particularly with hearing handicapped children, because they have no mobility problems. It was a pretty good dummy run, so to speak, of the capacity of the facility to serve handicapped people. So far it's looking just fine.

MRS FYFE: Thank you. One last question. Have you been able to carry out any form of communication with the respective associations for the handicapped across the province, making them aware that these facilities are available?

MR TRYNCHY: Yes, we have an advisory board with the handicapped that has been totally involved with our programming. They'll be there on the opening date, and I'm sure they'll be very pleased with what we have.

MRS FYFE: Have they communicated with the various groups across the province?

MR TRYNCHY: I'm sure they have, yes.

MRS FYFE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR PAHL: Mr. Chairman, I have three questions. First of all, with respect to the status report, I note that No. 54 indicates the 1980 Boy Scout Jamboree, which seems to me more like an event than a capital facility. Could I get some clarification on the use of Heritage Savings Trust Fund moneys in that jamboree?

MR TRYNCHY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That's part of Kananaskis Country. Once we started this program of Boy Scouts in 1981, we installed the water system and facilities to accommodate the 20,000 scouts that were there. We will now be planning again for a Boy Scout Jamboree of some 15,000 to 20,000 scouts in 1983. Thereafter, we will use that area, or we expect to under our proposal, for a day use or a camping area. The funds you see there are for water facilities, roads -- the capital expenditures.

MR PAHL: Thank you. Another question with respect to the status report: I presume those activities listed as 100 per cent complete would also be -- those would be final figures for those elements. Is that a correct assumption?

MR TRYNCHY: Yes, that would be correct.



MR PAHL: The last supplementary to that part of that question: I might have missed it, but in your description you provided totals for the '80-81 actual expenditures and total expenditures to March '81, but you haven't provided what I would perhaps call a composite aggregate of per cent complete. Did you provide that number in your earlier remarks? If you did, I guess I missed it.

MR TRYNCHY: I don't follow your question. Can you go over that again, Milt?

MR PAHL: If you total up all the percentages complete and provided an average, you would then have a number measuring the average percentage completion. Do you have a number with respect to that?

MR TRYNCHY: No, I don't have that number. But when you take the percentage on the right-hand column in dollars, you end up with about \$180 million, which would be somewhat less than what we anticipate. So that's why, in my opening remarks, I mentioned that the figure on the right in the last column does not relate to dollars spent but to completion of project.

MR PAHL: I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman. I was not trying to relate it to dollars. I was trying to get a feel for how far towards total completion, in an aggregate sense, is Kananaskis Country as at March 31, 1981.

MR TRYNCHY: Ed, do you have a figure on that?

MR MARSHALL: At March 31, 1981, we were past the half. We've had a great construction season since then, almost a complete construction season. While there are some major things just barely under way, such as the Alpine Village development, I think it's safe to say that we have to be knocking on the door of 70 per cent, in terms of accomplishment so far. We will have most of the things that are to be done completed by the end of next year's construction season, except for the Alpine Village, which will take the year after that. The only other thing left to be done, although pressures from people who use the facility may change this, will be certain rehabilitation activity that really cannot be done until the construction itself has been completed.

MR PAHL: Thank you. That leads to my last question, Mr. Chairman. Anticipating a completion date of about the fall of 1982, has the department done any planning or anticipated presenting to the investment committee of the Heritage Savings Trust Fund a project that would provide the same high level of recreational facilities within access to northern Alberta as you have provided within the regions of Calgary and southern Alberta?

MR TRYNCHY: Mr. Chairman, I think that was a recommendation of this committee from last year, to look at further Kananaskis type developments in the province. We are looking at that at present. We're not close to making a final decision on where it would best be located, but certainly we're looking for something for northern Albertans.

MR PAHL: Thank you.

MR LITTLE: Mr. Chairman, I have several questions concerning the golf course. I note from this sheet that it is 90 per cent complete. Therefore, I would believe you could anticipate an opening date.

MR TRYNCHY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We have 18 holes that are practically ready for use now. All the holes have been seeded. We would hope that by next year at this time, the other 18 may be ready; we might have to wait a while. We're hoping that with the family recreation centre, the so-called place where the golf course clubhouse would be, we could be prepared for an opening date sometime next year -- July, August or September; something like that.

MR LITTLE: Mr. Chairman, how many persons do you foresee the course will handle in a season, in a day?

MR TRYNCHY: I had those figures someplace. Maybe Mr. Marshall could add to it. If you run it the same as Banff, at 36 holes you would have twice as many -- if somebody has the figure for Banff or Jasper; they have 18 holes.

MR MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, the course, Mr. Little, has a theoretical capacity of about 500 people a day, just in terms of tee-off times if you start when daylight starts and end when you can still get a round of golf in. In a realistic sense, it's probably possible to suggest that you could look for something like 35,000 rounds a year -- maybe it'll be 30,000, maybe 40,000, depending upon the weather. You just can't multiply 500 by the number days in the summer. You have to make all sorts of allowances for weather and so on. But that is its capacity. It's not unreasonable to expect that we would peak somewhere around 40,000, but I don't think that will occur until we're probably into our second or third year of operation.

MR LITTLE: I take, then, that you've made some projections, fee schedules and anticipated revenues? Do you anticipate that the golf course will operate at a profit?

MR TRYNCHY: I should mention a couple of things. The unique thing about the Kananaskis golf course will be that an individual will be able to buy a ticket and just play nine holes of golf instead of having to pay for 18 holes, as you do in some areas such as Banff. We've advertised for an operator for Kananaskis golf course. We want to put it back into the private sector, and of course we expect a fee back to the province -- a rental or lease fee -- from whoever is successful. It will operate at a profit, I'm sure. Just what the fees will be is too early to determine, but they will be somewhat less than Jasper or Banff.

MR LITTLE: When you mention a possible disadvantage, Mr. Minister, of having to play 18, I recall when I was a teenager, Banff was \$2 for a day ticket. In order to take advantage of that \$2 worth, we used to play 18 in the morning, 18 in the afternoon, and nine in the evening. Two dollars was a lot of money then.

The final question concerns the family recreation centre. It is a family recreation centre rather than a clubhouse specifically for the golf course? Could you enlarge on its function? Do you anticipate revenues from this facility also?

MR TRYNCHY: Yes, the family recreation centre title we have given it will be used on a year-round basis. It will be designed and constructed in such a way that it can accommodate skiers for cross-country skiing during the winter, and for people who want to hike. That would be part of the package for the golf

course operator. The revenues would flow from there on a lease basis to the government.

MR PAHL: Mr. Chairman, my supplementary is with respect to the golf course. Looking at the numbers, I suspect the hon. Member for Calgary McCall's definition of a round of golf is possibly associated with his common ancestry with the Chairman. I wonder whether, in the calculations of 35,000 rounds per year that were given, those were 18 or nine holes of golf.

MR MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, when you talk about a round of golf in terms of revenues, anticipated activity, and so on, you are talking about 18 holes.

MR R SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, last year we raised the question on the bicycle trails. Is that complete at this point? I'm not sure whether the \$50,000 to \$60,000 per mile was explored or not in terms of -- what are the trails? Are they paved trails through the mountain area? Are they dirt trails, sanded trails? What are they for the \$60,000?

MR TRYNCHY: For the most part the bicycle trails are gravel and then paved. They are all broken down in different areas, Mr. Chairman. In some cases, the trails are 70 per cent complete; in some places they are 100. Mr. Marshall is more familiar with it. Would you like to comment on where we're at?

MR MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, the standard for bicycle trails in Kananaskis Country is a paved standard. The reason for that was to try to minimize maintenance in the long term. The whole matter of whether bicycle trails should be paved or not continues to be a discussion in all sorts of places, whether the city of Calgary or Edmonton. There are different materials used, usually shales and various mixtures. It continues to appear that paving is still the best standard to maintain. But even that could be subject to review because our experience with paving mountain trails for bicycles is not that great. We paved a short section in 1979, from the Interlake area to the Boulton Creek Campground. We haven't paved any since. Much of the subsequent expenditures have been in the preparation of right of way, so to speak, for the trails. In other words, they're not in use except for that one section I talked about. The reason is that we haven't had a convenient paving plant close by. So we're continuing with the trail development, and then we will do all our bicycle trail paving, in the Kananaskis Valley at least, next year.

MR R SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, has the area that has been paved held up well? Have the temperature fluctuations or whatever elements are there affected the trail? Has it lived up to standard? Has it broken up or is it still good?

MR TRYNCHY: Mr. Chairman, on my recent visit to Kananaskis, we took a long hike down one of these trails. Yes, they're standing up really well. The pavement is standing up. There haven't been any frost boils. It's on some pretty solid foundation, and it's standing up reasonably well. I didn't see any breaks, unless Mr. Marshall can enlarge on that.

MR MARSHALL: For the most part, Mr. Speaker, it is standing up very well. It looks like paving is the standard to go with and stay with. Again, I'm saying the experience isn't that old. In the city of Calgary, there has certainly been some breakage in the bicycle trails. I would say that the entire section of frost boiling, if you like, wouldn't be as long as this room. It's

insignificant. You run into situations where drainage isn't exactly as it ought to be. Where that occurs, you may run into a little bit of that, which will lead to repairs. But for the most part, I would say 99 per cent of the entire length of the paved trail has stood up very, very well.

MR SINDLINGER: Mr. Trynchy, what is your department's position in regard to coming to the heritage fund for funds to assist Calgary in its application for the Olympics, or in support of the Olympics if Calgary does in fact get them?

MR TRYNCHY: I haven't given that any thought yet. Just to enlarge on that, I'm not sure that the heritage fund is the right avenue to explore. It might be General Revenue. We haven't got to that, so I would say we'd have to wait until we were successful in the bid. Then I'm sure we would have to sit down and discuss just where the funds are coming from and how many.

MR SINDLINGER: Would you look at, say, capital expenditures for the Olympics as being a good expenditure through the heritage fund as opposed to operating expenses?

MR TRYNCHY: I think I would leave that to your committee's recommendations, and I hope you would include that when you wrap this up and come back to us with that recommendation, if you thought that was an important thing to do.

MR SINDLINGER: Thank you, Mr. Trynchy.

MR CHAIRMAN: I presume the Member for Calgary Buffalo is looking at his own skiing capabilities. Are there any more questions for the minister on Kananaskis or on the urban parks? I notice there was a handout on the Fish Creek Provincial Park in Calgary. Was there anything the minister wanted to say about this? Any questions?

MR TRYNCHY: We just passed out the financial report for the last year on Fish Creek Park. It's an exciting program. We're very pleased with it. It has tremendous use. It's pretty straightforward, if you look at the pages, what we've done. In the urban parks policy, of course, we've just announced it in June, within the year we're discussing. There have been no financial obligations. If there are any questions on that, I'll be glad to handle them.

MR CHAIRMAN: While the members are considering that, I think yesterday I indicated that next Tuesday was the visit to Kananaskis Country. Of course, it's the Tuesday after that. Before we get any more confusion from my mistakes, I had better clarify that. Any more questions for the minister or his staff?

Thank you very much, Mr. Minister, for the information on Kananaskis Country, and we'll see you next year. Thank you.

The committee is adjourned until this afternoon at 1:30 for the Minister of Tourism and Small Business.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.*