



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 8, 2023
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy met this day at 4:03 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Pamela Wallin, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Ringuette, Smith, Wallin, Woo and Yussuff (10).

Participating in the meeting: Mehrab Kiarsi and Adriane Yong, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, December 16, 2021, the committee continued its study of matters relating to banking, trade and commerce generally.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Communitech:

Chris Albinson, Chief Executive Officer;

Prateek Sureka, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations.

Council of Canadian Innovators:

Benjamin Bergen, President.

As an individual:

David Helliwell, Co-Founder and Executive Board Chair of Thrive Health.

Chris Albinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5 p.m., the committee resumed.

Benjamin Bergen and David Helliwell each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:59 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Karine Déquier

Clerk of the Committee