



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #5/76 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN R.185, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, AT 2.00 PM ON MONDAY,
MARCH 1, AND TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1976

PRESENT: Members of the Board

March 1: Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman
Hon. R. Welch
Hon. J. Auld
Hon. J. Snow
Mr. I. Deans, MPP
Mr. J. Breithaupt, MPP

Secretariat of the Board

Mr. R. Fleming, Director of Administration
Mrs. E. Storton, Recording Secretary
Mrs. E. Stephenson

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Mr. R. Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. A. Maloney, Q.C., Ombudsman, Ontario

ABSENT: Mr. D. Morrow, MPP

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Review of the 1976-77 Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman:
The Ombudsman to provide for the Board a breakdown of January and February expenses and annualized costs based on these months; also a list of salaries with ranges and positions of existing staff.

Item 2 Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #4/76:
Moved by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Deans, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/76 be approved as circulated.

Item 3 Continuation of the Review of the 1976-77 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly:
With reference to Appendix A, increase in staff complement to be limited to 3 instead of 4 in the Administrative Office and to 2 instead of 3 in the Legislative Library.

The meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm to be continued March 2, 1976 at 3.30 pm in Room 185, Legislative Building.

PRESENT: Members of the Board

March 2: Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman
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 Hon. J. Snow
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 Mr. J. Breithaupt, MPP

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Mr. R. Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
 Mr. J. Miggiani, Finance Officer
 Mr. W. Wilson, Personnel Officer

ABSENT: Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.
 Mr. D. Morrow, MPP

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 3 Continuation of the Review of the 1976-77 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly:

A further discussion took place with regard to increasing the Government Caucus Support Services Budget for 1976-77. Messrs. Deans and Breithaupt undertook to discuss this with Members of their respective Caucuses and, if there is some general agreement, an amendment to be introduced to the Legislative Assembly Act to cover Research for the Government Caucus based on a formula of 14 Members x \$5.0. This amount to be shown in the Estimates.

Agreed that the increases in salary for the Office of the Assembly should be in the amount of 8.9% retroactive to October 1, 1975 (including merit increases) and applicable to all employees of the Assembly with the exception of those in equivalent classifications to Senior List in the Civil Service.

Agreed that \$80,000. be removed from Members' Indemnities and be included in the Constituency Office item. The Board unanimously approved the 1976-77 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly.

Item 4 Approval of the 1976-77 Estimates of the Commission on Election Contributions & Expenses:

Agreed that increases for employees of the Commission on Election Contributions & Expenses be 8.9% with the exception of those in equivalent classifications to Program Officers in the Civil Service. The Board unanimously approved the 1976-77 Estimates of the Commission on Election Contributions & Expenses.

Item 5 Constituency Offices - Questions:

Agreed that Members may install a telephone answering service in their home as well as in their Constituency Offices to be paid for out of the \$3,600. allowance.

Hon. Margaret Scrivener's letter to Mr. Speaker, dated February 24, 1976, received and noted.

Agreed that Members' First-Class mailing from their Constituency Offices be paid for up to \$100. but that no bulk mailing may be made from such offices.

Agreed that Constituency Offices need not be closed during an election campaign but such Offices must not be used as campaign offices or display politically-oriented signs.

Agreed that secretaries employed in Members' Queen's Park offices may work at other times in Constituency Offices.

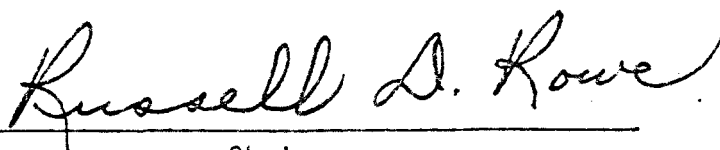
Item 1 Continuation of the Review of the 1976-77 Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman:

Agreed that the 1976-77 Estimates should reflect the figures set out in the column headed "Annualized Costs 75/76" Page 1 of the submission made to the Board by the Ombudsman, March 2, 1976, with the exception that the figure \$914.4 under Supplies and Equipment be replaced by \$111.4 and an amount of 15% of the total be added, making a total of \$2,116,000.

Agreed that Mr. Auld, Chairman of Management Board, be authorized to request the proposed classification schedule provided by the Office of the Ombudsman be reviewed by the Civil Service Commission.

Agreed that the Ombudsman be advised by the Speaker of the reduction in his Budget and that he may not hire any more staff until the Board has had an opportunity to study salary schedules. Subject to this review, Order-in-Council appointments to be made. This is normal practise during the start-up period of a new organization. It was agreed that the Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman should go forward in the total amount of \$2,116,000.

March 8, 1976



Chairman