



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #11/78
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN THE PREMIER'S DINING ROOM
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 6:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1978

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John E. Stokes, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable James A. C. Auld
The Honourable Douglas Wiseman
Mr. Bud Gregory, M.P.P.
Mr. Robert Nixon, M.P.P.
Mr. Elie Martel, M.P.P.

Secretariat:

Mr. R. J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary
Miss Badrul Ali, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Yvonne J. Chortyk, Administrative Assistant

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q. C., Clerk of the House
Mr. J. M. Miggiani, Finance Officer

Guests:

Standing Resources Development Committee:

Mr. Edward Havrot, M.P.P., Chairman

Ministry of Government Services:

Mr. E. F. H. Strauss, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Supply and Services
Mr. J. D. Macdonald, Manager, Pension and Insurance Benefits

ABSENT:

The Honourable Robert Welch, Q. C.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting #10/78

Moved by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Gregory and
agreed that the Minutes of Meeting #10/78 be
approved as circulated.

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Item 2 Standing Resources Development Committee:
Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Gregory and agreed that the Budget of the Standing Resources Development Committee be approved as submitted by the Chairman in the sum of \$10,000 for legal services. The Board requested that the Chairman ask legal counsel to submit details covering his billing with regard to preparation time.

Item 3 Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act:

(a) Amendments

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Auld and agreed that the final two paragraphs contained in a letter to the Speaker, dated May 9, 1978, from Mr. E. F. H. Strauss, Assistant Deputy Minister, Supply and Services, Ministry of Government Services, be approved, and that the following amendments to the Act be initiated:

1. That the survivor benefits payable to eligible children (in the absence of a spouse) should apply after the death of a former Member;
2. That it should be mandatory to convert a deferred annuity to a reduced immediate annuity when the direct beneficiaries are eligible children.

It was further agreed to adopt December 16, 1977 as the effective date these amendments would come into force.

(b) Increase in Benefits for Retired Members
or their Spouses

Moved by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Nixon and agreed that no action would be taken on this matter at this time.

Item 4 French Language Training for Members

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed that a French language training course be made available to Members, either in the Legislative Building (if numbers warrant) or at O.I.S.E., and that Members be reimbursed for the cost incurred providing the course director certifies they have attended at least 50% of the classes.

Item 5 Review and Assessment of Legislative Assembly
Dining Room and Food Services

Deferred until the next meeting.

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Item 6 Other Business:

(a) Constituencies: Members' Media Advertising

It was agreed that the existing policy be upheld.

(b) Appointment of Auditors to Examine the
Accounts of the Office of the Provincial
Auditor

Moved by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed that the firm of MacGillivray and Company be reappointed to audit the disbursements of the Office for the fiscal years ended March 31, 1978 and 1979; and that new proposals be obtained early in 1980 for the fiscal years ending March 31, 1980, 1981 and 1982, all of which is set out in a letter dated May 24, 1978 from the Provincial Auditor to the Speaker.

(c) Ombudsman: Approval of Compensation
Increases by Anti-Inflation Board

Three letters dated May 26, 1978 addressed to the Ombudsman from the Anti-Inflation Board approving the Ombudsman's proposed compensation increases for guideline year three, were tabled.

(d) Archival Research on Legislative Building and
Art Collection

Moved by Mr. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed that a researcher be hired as set out in Miss Fern Bayer's memorandum to the Speaker dated June 1, 1978.

(e) Caucus Administrations

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed:

That since the Caucus administrations are responsible to their respective House Leaders in the case of the Opposition Parties, and the Chief Government Whip in the case of the Government Party, that the management and disbursement of funds allocated to each Caucus through a fixed formula be accepted by the Office of the Legislative Assembly, provided that such expenditures do not directly contravene specific Minute-items passed by the Board of Internal Economy; and

That the Office of the Assembly, in conjunction with representatives of the Caucus Administrations, prepare a list of the rules and regulations to be used by the Caucuses and Office of the Legislative Assembly. These would include the minute-items passed by the Board of Internal Economy as well as any other reference used by the Office of the Assembly; and further

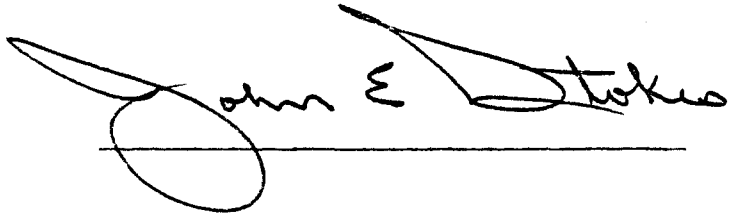
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Item 5 (e) Caucus Administration - continued

That in cases where a minute-item may be ambiguous in its interpretation, the Office of the Assembly will seek clarification from the Board of Internal Economy, and the Caucus administrations either directly or through their representatives on the Board of Internal Economy be invited to make submissions to the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time and on motion duly made by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Nixon, the meeting then adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John E. Stokes", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized, with a large loop for the 'J' and a distinct 'E'.

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