Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/92
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 4:15 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1992

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Dave Cooke
The Honourable Gilles Pouliot
The Honourable Shirley Coppen
Mr. David Christopherson, MPP
Mr. Murray Elston, MPP
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP

Secretariat:

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Executive Assistant, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude L. DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests:

Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Patty Park, Executive Director, NDP Caucus
Mr. Peter Curtis, Manager of Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, PC Service Bureau
Ms Christel Haeck, MPP, Vice Chair, Standing Committee on the Ombudsman
Mr. Franco Carrozza, Committee Clerk
Mr. Steven Offer, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Doug Arnott, Committee Clerk
Mr. Howard Tate, Actuary
Ms Danielle Sanschagrin, Assistant Director Finance, Accounting Operations

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #8/91

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #8/91 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman
1991-92 Budget

Moved by Mr. Christopherson, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be approved in the revised amount of $11,000.

ITEM 3: Standing Committee on Social Development
1991-92 Supplementary Budget

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on Social Development be approved as presented in the amount of $103,230.

ITEM 4: Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
1991-92 Supplementary Budget

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of $77,000, along with the additional Supplementary Budget in the amount of $176,225 for a total of $253,225.

Ms Coppen and Mr. Christopherson were opposed, resulting in a tie vote.

The Chairman supported the Motion and it was carried.

The Board will meet to review the Committee budget process and the Board's role.

ITEM 5: L.A.R.A.A.

The Board has requested a meeting to discuss the options available under the revisions to the Income Tax Act. Staff were asked to obtain information on the status of the Federal Bill, obtain a copy of the Federal Bill [if possible], and to ascertain what other provinces are doing and the status of their process.

As well, the subject will be discussed during the Estimates Meeting with respect to the cost implications of an RCA and the effect of not entering into an an RCA arrangement.

ITEM 6: Pay Equity

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that Option B of the proposal presented to the Board be approved; providing a minimum in 1990 and a full adjustment in 1991 resulting in a total expenditure of $684.6 for the PC and Liberal Caucus staff and Members' staff. The expenditure will be recorded outside the Members' Global Budget for fiscal 1991/92.

New salary maximums effective January 1, 1992:

Positions	Fiscal 1991/92	
	Current	Pay Equity
	$	$
Special Assistant	35,145	37,145
Legislative Assistant	37,292	39,292
Constituency Assistant	37,292	42,292
Executive Assistant	45,098	45,098
Clerk/Typist	28,969	28,969

ITEM 7: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Board authorize the Finance Director, under the provisions of Section 88 of the Legislative Assembly Act, to transfer monies from one item of the Estimates of the Office of the Assembly to another item, within the same vote, in order to facilitate the payment of accounts for the 1991-92 fiscal year, with the provision that itemized accounts of transfers within votes will be provided to the Board.

ITEM 8: Celebration of Opening of Parliament / Niagara-on-the-Lake

Moved by Mr. Christopherson, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that an expenditure of $5,400 be approved in order to hold a Special Session of the Legislature on September 17, 1992 at Niagara-on-the-Lake to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Opening of the First Session of the First Parliament of Upper Canada at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

ITEM 9: Approval for Acting Provincial Auditor's Salary

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred to a future meeting pending receipt of further information.

ITEM 10: Mileage Rate Increase

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the proposal to increase Members' Mileage Rates be denied.

ITEM 11: Funding for TTY/TDD Telephones in Constituency Offices

This item was tabled for discussion and agreed that Ms Boyd could purchase a TTY/TDD Telephone for her Constituency Office out of her Global Budget.

Each Caucus will monitor the demand and need for this service in the Constituency Offices and this information will be communicated to the Board at a future date.

ITEM 12: Security Equipment Requirement for Members' Constituency Offices

This item was tabled for discussion and agreed that individual requirements would be referred back to the Caucuses to be handled through them.

ITEM 13: Travel Expenses - Frank Miclash, MPP

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that when travelling within their riding, under special circumstances, Members can be reimbursed for $27/day for meals within the limit of $2,730/year for accommodation.

ITEM 14: Members' Mailings / Newsletters

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The following items were deferred to a future meeting of the Board:

- Approval for Acting Provincial Auditor's Salary
- Members' Mailings / Newsletters

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14, 1992 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm - Room 180**, The Speaker's Boardroom to review the **1992 - 93 Estimates.**

David Fami

Speaker