



Legislative Assembly

**MINUTES OF MEETING #1/95
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 2:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1995**

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Fred Wilson
The Honourable Shirley Coppen
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP
Mr. Jim Bradley, MPP
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP

Absent:

The Honourable Brian Charlton

Secretariat:

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance, Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Ms Mary Dickerson, 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 Patty Park, Executive Director of Caucus Services/NDP Caucus
Ms Sheila Green, Director Administration/NDP Caucus
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Ms Elaine Baird, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Mr. Bob Cowieson, Director, Legislative Information Systems Branch

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/94

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Coppen, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/94 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 1995-96 Estimates

The Board completed its review of the Estimates.

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 Estimates for the Office of the Assembly be approved as amended, with the instruction to all staff of the Office of the Assembly, the Caucuses and Commissions, to endeavour to underspend the approved 1995-96 Estimates by 5%, with the understanding that the Board of Internal Economy will, during the 1995-96 fiscal year, review the programs of the Assembly to make decisions on what reductions can be achieved in the 1996-97 Estimates.

PSPF Pension Savings

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the fiscal year 1994-95 PSPF Pension Savings for the Office of the Assembly [\$3,869,900], Office of the Chief Election Officer [\$82,600], Office of the Provincial Auditor [\$429,200] and the Ombudsman Ontario [\$474,500], be returned to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and that the Estimates for the fiscal year 1995-96 be reduced to reflect the 1995-96 PSPF Pension Savings.

Office of the Speaker [Vote 0201-01]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amount of \$553,600.

Office of the Clerk [Vote 0201-02]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$12,342,500.

Legislative Library [Vote 0201-03]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Legislative Library be approved in the amount of \$5,992,900.

Finance and Administration [Vote 0201-04]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Finance and Administration be approved in the amended amount of \$7,290,200, representing a removal of \$40,000 for the Discrimination and Harassment Program contingency funding.

Assembly Services [Vote 0201-05]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Assembly Services be approved in the amount of \$16,448,600.

Sessional Requirements [Vote 0201-06]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Sessional Requirements be approved in the amount of \$ 1,750,500.

Restoration/Renovation Services [Vote 0201-07]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Restoration/Renovation Services be approved in the amended amount of \$7,663,900 representing a removal of \$3,000,000 for the project funding for the fifth floor west wing.

Caucus Support Services [Vote 0201-08]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$10,693,600.

Members' Indemnities and Travel [Vote 0201-09]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Members' Indemnities and Travel be approved in the amount of \$11,540,900.

Members' Office Support Services [Vote 0201-10]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Members' Office Support Services be approved in the amount of \$29,351,300.

Ontario Legislature Internship Programme [Vote 0201-11]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme be approved in the amount of \$166,000.

L.A.R.A.A. [Vote 0201-S]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for L.A.R.A.A. [Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowance Fund] be approved in the amount of \$2,274,700.

Environmental Commissioner [Vote 0202-01]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Environmental Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$2,083,000.

Mr. Eves was opposed.

Commission on Election Finances [Vote 0202-02]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Commission on Election Finances be approved in the amount of \$1,464,000.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario [Vote 0202-03]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$8,208,100.

Commission on Conflict of Interest [Vote 0202-04]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Commission on Conflict of Interest be approved in the amount of \$290,600.

Counsel [Vote 0202-05]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for Counsel be approved in the amount of \$230,500.

Office of the Ombudsman [Vote 3101-01]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Office of the Ombudsman be approved, on an interim basis, in the amended amount of \$9,148,400, representing a removal of \$130,000 in one-time items for 1995-96, pending a further review by the Board members.

The Speaker will request that the Office of the Ombudsman provide further detail on the one-time items. This further submission will be reviewed by the Board members prior to final approval of the budget for the Office of the Ombudsman.

Chief Election Officer [Vote 0501-01]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$950,200.

Office of the Provincial Auditor [Vote 3301-1]

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1995-96 budget for the Office of the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amount of \$7,765,200.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The Board did not address the remaining item on the agenda. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Speaker