



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 4/96
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM , WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1996**

Present

The Honourable Allan McLean, MPP, Chair
The Honourable David Johnson, MPP
The Honourable Robert Runciman, MPP
Ms Isabel Bassett, MPP
Ms Elinor Caplan, MPP

Absent

The Honourable Noble Villeneuve, MPP
Mr. Dave Cooke, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant 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

Mr. David Christopherson, MPP, Deputy Whip/NDP
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Mr. Steve Owens, Director/NDP Administration and Human Resources
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance - Office of the Assembly and Commissions
Ms Judith Baird, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Mr. Mac Penney, Executive Assistant to the Honourable David Johnson
Ms Sarah Campbell, Assistant to Isabel Bassett, MPP
Ms Lisette Leveille, Assistant to the Honourable Noble Villeneuve
Ms Molly Pellicchia, Director, Supply and Services
Mr. Bill Somerville, Director, Broadcast and Recording Service

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #3/96

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #3/96 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 1996-97 Estimates

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Assembly Services

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Assembly Services estimates, formerly approved at \$14,448,200, be amended to include the transfer of base funding for the Ontario Communications Network from Management Board Secretariat in the amount of \$92,000 and that the new estimate amount of \$14,540,200 be approved.

Members' Compensation and Travel

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 estimates for Members' Compensation and Travel be approved in the amount of \$15,372,000.

Members' Travel and Accommodation

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that an allowance for accommodation in Toronto will be paid only to those Members whose principal residence is more than 50 km from Queen's Park. Members may use the Toronto accommodation provision, if required, due to special or unusual circumstances only, on an overnight basis.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that Members will be reimbursed for travel expenses upon submission of travel logs [a detailed travel record to support their mileage claims]. All other claims [i.e. meals, accommodation, travel] will require receipts to support the Members' monthly claims.

Election Finances

• **Statutory Payments**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 estimates reflecting a one-time carry forward of election expenses subsidies under the Election Finances Act be approved in the amount of \$400,000.

Office of the Ombudsman

• **Restructuring Costs**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 estimates reflecting a one-time appropriation for the restructuring costs of the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$1,153,216.

Elections Ontario

• **Restructuring Costs**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 estimates reflecting a one-time appropriation for the restructuring costs of the Office of the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$208,016.

ITEM 3: Food Services

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to defer a decision on this item until the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Christopherson asked that it be noted that the NDP Caucus would support this motion.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. Runciman and Ms Bassett opposed the motion and it was defeated.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Bassett, and agreed, that the Food Services and Concession Operations be outsourced, and that the Legislative Assembly be authorized to commence negotiations **with Marriott Corporation of Canada, Ltd.** as the selected supplier to provide Food Services and Concession Operations for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. The Executive Director, Assembly Services will make a final presentation to the Board detailing the final service arrangements.

Ms Caplan opposed the motion.

Mr. Christopherson asked that it be noted that the NDP Caucus oppose this motion.

ITEM 4: Broadcast and Recording

▪ **Closed Captioning**

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, to continue Closed Captioning for the fiscal year 1996-97.

▪ **Satellite Distribution and RFP**

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, to defer a decision on the allocation of the Legislative Assembly's contribution to the Satellite Uplink Capital Fund to subsidize the purchase of digital decoders for approved cable companies.

ITEM 5: Termination Provisions - Office of the Assembly

This Item was tabled for discussion and agreed that the Director of Human Resources would prepare a new termination policy for redundant employees in the Legislative Assembly similar to the new termination policies offered in the OPS.

ITEM 6: Media Parking

This Item was deferred.

OTHER BUSINESS

Page Programme

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, to review options in the Page Programme with a view to restoring the number of Pages per session to the original 24.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Wednesday, June 19, 1996** from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in Room 180, the Speaker's Boardroom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Allan K. McLean", is written over a horizontal line.

Speaker