AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM

Legislative Assembly of Ontario

MINUTES OF MEETING # 5/96
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:30 PM , WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1996

Present

The Honourable Allan McLean, MPP, Chair
The Honourable David Johnson, MPP
The Honourable Robert Runciman, MPP
The Honourable Noble Villeneuve, MPP
Ms Isabel Bassett, MPP
Ms Elinor Caplan, MPP
Mr. Dave Cooke, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant Secretary and 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 Judy Baird, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Mr. Richard McLellan, Executive Director, Operations/NDP Caucus
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 Pellecchia, Director/Supply and Services Branch
Mr. John D. Douglas, Vice President of Business Development/Marriott Management Services

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: **Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/96**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/96 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: **Legislative Food Services**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the Board of Internal Economy authorizes the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to enter into agreement with Marriott Corporation of Canada, Ltd. to provide Food Services and Concession Operations for the initial term of July 8, 1996 to July 7, 1999, with provision for annual renewals of the agreement up to a maximum term of ten [10] years. Further, the Board approves alternative #1, as the funding mechanism for future capital improvements during the agreement term.

Alternative #1

For any fiscal year, during the contract term, capital expenditure requests for the Food Services and Concession Operations are considered and decided on accordingly by the Board of Internal Economy during the Estimates process. Funding for approved capital projects will be provided by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Additionally, for the 1996-97 fiscal year, the Board agrees to support a capital expenditure up to $100,000 from the existing budget, for upgrades to the cafeteria and tuck shops.

Prior to any expenditure of funds, a detailed plan and schedule will be submitted to the BOIE for approval.

Mr. Cooke oposed the Motion.

ITEM 3: **LARAA - Members' Pension Conversion**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed that, benefits as they presently apply to all former Members who were entitled to receive an allowance under LARAA, continue. Former members who are entitled to a deferred pension, will also receive the same benefits once they are eligible for pension payments under the former LARAA rules.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the Director of Human Resources for the Legislative Assembly report back on options as to a changed benefit plan for former and present Members which would allow flexibility of choice of benefits.

ITEM 4: **Legislative Security Services**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that any decision concerning security for the Legislative Precinct be deferred, pending the outcome of the Estey Inquiry.

In addition, the Executive Director, Assembly Services was asked to review job descriptions for both the Chief of Security and the Sergeant at Arms, in terms of both their reporting structure and accountability.

In the meantime, arrangements will be made to retain the OPP until a decision concerning security has been made.

ITEM 5: **Life and Fire Safety Projects 1996-97**

Moved by Ms Bassett, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Board approve the plan for installation of a fire exit stair at the south east corner of the west wing and exits from the public galleries of the Chamber and, that the Executive Director, Assembly Services will return to the Board with details of the construction contract, prior to its award.

Further, that detailed options be tabled with Board Members for relocation of the Press from the towers. Regular updates on the project will be provided to the Board.

ITEM 6: **Access for Disabled at Front of the Legislative Building**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the Board defer the matter of barrier free access at the front of the building to a subsequent BOIE meeting, pending review of all capital projects, as the Building currently has two accessible barrier free entrances.

ITEM 7: **Broadcast and Recording**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the Board approve the following decoder subsidies

- the Legislative Assembly will subsidize the entire cost of the decoders required for cable companies with under 1,000 subscribers,
- for cable companies with a total number of subscribers between 1,001 and 5,999, the Legislative Assembly will subsidize 50% of the cost of the decoders required and the cable company will bear 50% of the cost of the required decoders,
- for cable companies with a total number of subscribers over 5,999, the Legislative Assembly will request that the cable company bear the full cost of the decoders required.

Each cable company receiving a decoder subsidized by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario will be required to enter into agreement with the Legislative Assembly of Ontario detailing distribution conditions.

ITEM 8: **Page Programme**

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Ms Bassett, and agreed, to maintain the Page Programme at 24 by funding from within the budget and keeping transportation payments at current levels.

ITEM 9 **Termination Policy**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that

- Effective June 19, 1996, the termination and severance policy of the OPS, with regard to notice and severance pay - standard six [6] months notice plus legislated severance [one week for each year of service] and enhanced severance of one additional week for each completed year of service - be adopted as the severance and termination policy of the Legislative Assembly and the Caucuses for the purpose of employer-initiated terminations due to downsizing.

- Any terminated employee who received notice of termination between March 1, 1996 and June 18, 1996 based on the Assembly's policy of graduated termination pay and regular severance, will be given the choice of either accepting the original Assembly package, or the standard six [6] months notice, legislated severance and enhanced severance.

ITEM 10: Clerk of the Legislative Assembly - Vehicle Allocation

This Item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

ITEM 11: Human Resources Manual

This Item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

- **Supplementary Budget**

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that approval be given to allow 4 committee members and 1 staff person to attend the 17th Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts in Victoria, British Columbia from September 8th to10th, 1996 at a total cost of $12,740 which includes airfare, accommodation and conference registration.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The Board agreed that the next meeting of the Board would be held in either September or October.

Allan K McLean

Speaker