



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 2/97
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:15 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1997**

Present

The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP, Chair
The Honourable David Johnson, MPP
The Honourable Noble Villeneuve, MPP
Mr. John Baird, MPP
Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP
Mr. Bud Wildman, MPP

Absent

The Honourable Robert Runciman, 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
Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms
Ms Deborah Deller, Executive Director, Legislative Services
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. Peter Hardie, Special 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. Brian Charlton/[Acting] Executive Assistant/NDP Caucus
Mr. Tracy Howe/Manager, Human Resources/NDP Caucus
Mr. Mac Penney, Executive Assistant to the Honourable David Johnson
Ms Lisette Leveille, Assistant to the Honourable Noble Villeneuve

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #1/97

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Villeneuve, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/97 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Request from Bud Wildman, MPP / NDP House Leader

- **Staff Redundancies 1996/97 Fiscal Year [Result of Pre-Approval Form]**

Moved by Mr. Villeneuve, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed, that the request by the NDP for additional restructuring funding, be denied.

Mr. Wildman opposed the motion and reiterated that this is an Assembly item.

ITEM 3: ORC / Transfer of Services

ITEM 1 - Ground Maintenance and Plant Services

Moved by Mr. Villeneuve, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed that, having reviewed the cost benefit analysis of the in-house and contractor options to grounds maintenance, the Board would accept Option 2 and approve contracting the grounds maintenance service to the lowest bidder.

Mr. Gerretsen was opposed.

ITEM 2 - Usher / Messenger Services

Moved by Mr. Villeneuve, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed that, the Board accept the report [*Usher/Messenger Services-Staff Requirement Analysis*] which reviewed those services and that the Usher/Messenger services be staffed in-house with nine [9] complement.

ITEM 3 - Manual Work Services

At the Board's direction, a study was conducted by Building Management and Conservation Branch on how best to deliver services provided by in-house manual workers, not exceeding six [6] complement.

Moved by Mr. Villeneuve, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed to accept the report and confirm that the manual work services be staffed in-house with six [6] complement.

ITEM 4: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Villeneuve, seconded by Mr. Wildman, and agreed that, the Board authorizes 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 1996-97 fiscal year, with the provision that itemized accounts of transfers within votes would be provided to the Board.

ITEM 5: Remuneration / Legislative Officers

The Board met in camera at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss remuneration for Legislative Officers.

ITEM 6: Information and Privacy Commissioner

- **Appointment**

This Item was tabled for discussion and agreed that a Motion would be brought forward in the House.

ITEM 7: Eligibility for Benefits for Future Retiring Members

Moved by Mr. Gerretsen and seconded by Mr. Wildman, that members newly elected in June of 1995 are eligible for benefits, concurrent with the date they are eligible to access their retirement savings [*i.e. the latter of date of retirement, defeat or resignation, or age 55, provided they have served a minimum of one parliamentary term*].

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Villeneuve, and agreed, to amend the above motion as follows:

Members newly elected in June of 1995 are eligible for benefits, concurrent with the date they are eligible to access their retirement savings [*i.e. the latter of date of retirement, defeat or resignation, or age 55, provided they have served a minimum of five years*].

Mr. Gerretsen opposed the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

• **Pension Plan Membership - Members' And Caucus Staff**

This Item was withdrawn by the Director of Human Resources in order for her to obtain more clarification on the subject and deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

• **Pension Advisor**

The Speaker tabled this Item for discussion.

A three member all-party committee has approached the Speaker to request that a Pension Advisor be hired to give advice to Members on how best to invest their pension funds.

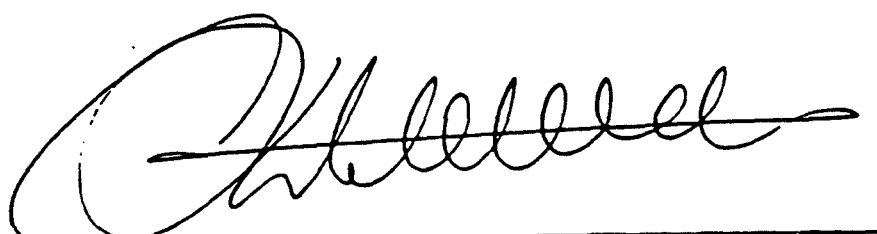
The Board agreed to defer any decision until the Members had each discussed the matter with their individual caucuses.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The Board Members met in camera to discuss Remuneration for Legislative Officers.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 18, 1997.

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Speaker