



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 2/98
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 2:20 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1998**

Present

The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Tony Clement, MPP
The Honourable Norm Sterling, MPP
Mr. John Baird, MPP
Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP
Ms Marion Boyd, MPP

Absent

The Honourable Chris Hodgson, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms
Ms Deborah Deller, Executive Director, Legislative Services
Ms Mary Dickerson, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Sylvia Nemanic, Executive Director, Administrative Services

Guests

Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant and Administrative Coordinator to the Clerk
Mr. Peter Hardie, Special Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Deputy Executive Director / Government Members' Services
Mr. Peter Curtis, Chief-Financial Operations / Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Darlene Lawson, Caucus Administrator / NDP Caucus
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Manager, Financial Services
Mr. Charles Vincent, Assistant to John Baird, MPP
Mr. Gary Collins, Assistant to Honourable Tony Clement

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #1/98

Moved by Ms Boyd, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/98 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 1998/99 Estimates - Office of the Assembly

The Clerk and the Executive Director, Administrative Services each presented an overview of the estimates.

During the ensuing discussion it was agreed that an asterisk [*] would be shown beside certain items in this year's Estimates presentation [attached] and that these items would be shown in next year's Estimates as being either removed or for the Board's review.

Specifically, Ms Boyd noted that the funding of \$100,000 for the upgrade to the Systems Network be reviewed next year.

During the discussion concerning the *Charging for Accommodation program* and resulting Estimates increase, Mr. Baird requested that any reference to the rental increase in the Estimates, or in any public document, have an asterisk [*] shown beside the reference, explaining it's a transfer from Management Board.

The Board Members indicated that they were very pleased with the new Estimates presentation.

ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Office of the Speaker – Vote 0201-01

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amount of \$676,500.

Mr. Baird asked for a breakdown of the costs associated with the CPA Conference and the Clerk agreed to provide that to him.

Office of the Clerk Vote 0201-02

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$558,600.

Administrative Services Vote 0201-05

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for Administrative Services be approved in the amount of \$3,563,300.

Legislative Library and Information Systems Vote 0201-04

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for the Legislative Library and Information Systems be approved in the amount of \$7,358,900.

Legislative Services Vote 0201-03

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for Legislative Services be approved in the amount of \$10,248,200 less the constraint of \$142,900 for a net amount of \$10,105,300.

Sergeant-at-Arms and Building Management Vote 0201-06

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for the Sergeant-at-Arms and Building Management and Conservation be approved in the amount of \$14,996,800.

Restructuring Costs Vote 0201-11

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for *Restructuring Costs* be approved in the amount of \$1,350,000.

Other Vote 0201-09

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for *Other* be approved in the amount of \$100,000.

MEMBERS' SERVICES

The Estimates for Members' Services will be reviewed at next month's meeting. It was agreed that staff would prepare a report beforehand, to review

Members Travel

- Toronto Members - from their home to Queen's Park
- 6 night's accommodation for 12 trips
- family responsibility - concerning numbers of trips allowed for children and other family members
- parking in Toronto

Accommodation

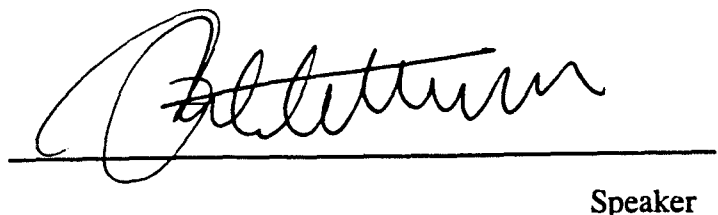
- Allowance should be reviewed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At the conclusion of the discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The Members remained to discuss a confidential matter, *In Camera*.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Thursday, May 28, 1998** to review the Estimates of Members' Services, Commissions and Agencies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. L. Turner", is written over a horizontal line.

Speaker