



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 4/98
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1998**

Present

The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Tony Clement, MPP
The Honourable Chris Hodgson, MPP
The Honourable Norm Sterling, MPP
Mr. John Baird, MPP
Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP
Ms Marion Boyd, 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, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant 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
Ms Michelle Mason, Legislative Assistant to Chris Hodgson
Mr. Charles Vincent, Assistant to John Baird, MPP
Hon. Robert Rutherford, Integrity Commissioner
Ms Lynn Morrison, Executive Administrative Officer, Office of the Integrity Commissioner

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #3/98

This Item was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

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

COMMISSIONS

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Vote 0202-04

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, that the 1998/99 Estimates for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be approved in the amended amount of \$331,400, which includes the conversion of one part-time contract position to a full-time classified position, effective July 1, 1998, increasing the complement to two.

ITEM 3: Report on Expenditures from Caucus Representatives

The Board agreed to accept the report prepared by the three caucuses dealing with the following expenditures:

1. Business Plans

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that building on the *Goals and Objectives* section provided by some departments in the 1998/99 Assembly Estimates binder, the Assembly would prepare an annual business plan to be reviewed by the Board of Internal Economy as part of its annual Estimates review.

2. Review of Broadcast and Recording

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that a review of Broadcast and Recording Services would be undertaken to see if further savings could be achieved on services provided to Members. The review should be guided by the principle that all residents of Ontario are entitled to access the proceedings of government.

3. Printing Costs

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that Journals Branch and Hansard should explore ways of finding greater efficiencies in printing costs. Any initiative can not lead to increased costs for Members, or be attached to their Global Budgets.

It was further agreed that the use of an annual subscription list be adopted so that only those Members who choose to receive copies of Hansard would get them in hard copy form. Members will not be asked to pay for any such subscription and subscriptions will not be attached to the Members' Global Budgets.

4. Clipping Service

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that the Library would review the clipping service to see if there is any revenue generation potential in terms of offering the clippings to non-Assembly groups, or to individuals.

5. Review of the Gift Shop

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Gerretsen, and agreed, that a thorough review of the Gift Shop would be undertaken to optimize its revenue generation potential and its service as a showcase of Ontario products. It is recommended that this review be part of a comparative study of revenue generation methods in other jurisdictions.

The balance of items was referred to the Board Members to discuss *In Camera*.

Speaker