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Legislative Assembly of Ontario

MINUTES OF MEETING # 1/2000
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000

Present

The Honourable Gary Carr, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Frank Klees, MPP
The Honourable Norm Sterling, MPP
Mr. Doug Galt, MPP
Mr. Domenic Agostino, MPP
Mr. David Christopherson, 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, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Clerk
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. Nick Viris, Manager, Financial Services
Mr. Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer
Ms Lori Wells, Director of Election Services
Ms Peng Tam, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Gord Kushner, Executive Director, Election Finances

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/99

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Agostino, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/99 be approved and adopted as circulated.

ITEM 2: Pre-Approval Form
 • **64 Point Travel**

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Agostino, and agreed that, a 64-point travel system be adopted for Members' travel between Queen's Park and residence, Assembly business travel and family travel. A Member can use up to a maximum of 20 round trips while on Assembly business.

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Agostino, and agreed that, effective April 1, 2000, parking expenses in connection with Toronto accommodation, may now be charged to the Members' Global Budget.

ITEM 3: 2000/2001 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly [Estimates Binder]

ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Office of the Speaker – Vote 0201-01

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amount of \$445,200.

Office of the Clerk Vote 0201-02

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$610,800.

Legislative Services Vote 0201-03

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for Legislative Services be approved in the amount of \$9,682,200.

Legislative Library and Information Systems Vote 0201-04

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Legislative Library and Information Systems be approved in the amount of \$8,268,400.

Administrative Services Vote 0201-05

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for Administrative Services be approved in the amount of \$3,418,500.

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

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Sergeant-at-Arms and Building Management and Conservation be approved in the amount of \$16,099,800.

MEMBERS' SERVICES

Caucus Support Services Vote 0201-07

Moved by Mr. Agostino, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for Caucus Support Services be amended to include an increase to the employee benefits of \$32,000, resulting in an approved, amended amount of \$9,537,000.

Members' Compensation and Travel Vote 0201-08

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for Members' Compensation and Travel be approved in the amount of \$12,556,100.

Members' Office Support Services Vote 0201-09

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for Members' Office Support Services be approved in the amount of \$28,695,000.

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, to approve funding in 2000/2001 in the amount of \$4,000 [up to \$1,000 per Member] for the four Members who are affected by Bill C-473 [an Act to change the names of certain electoral districts]. This changed the total for the Members' Office Support Services vote to \$28,695,000.

Ontario Legislature Internship Programme Vote 0201-10

Moved by, seconded by, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme be approved in the amount of \$170,000.

COMMISSIONS

Environmental Commissioner – Vote 0202-01

Moved by, seconded by, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Environmental Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$1,820,000.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner – Vote 0202-02

This item was tabled for discussion.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Information and Privacy Commissioner would be asked to appear before the Board at its next meeting, to submit a report justifying the increases in her estimates.

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Vote 0202-03

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$544,700.

AGENCIES

Ombudsman Ontario – Vote 3101-01

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Ombudsman Ontario be approved in the amount of \$8,106,800

Chief Election Officer – Vote 0501-01

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Klees, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$1,718,100 with the following stipulation:

Due to the pending retirement of the Chief Election Officer, the request to hire three additional positions was revised. Approval was given to hire only an Assistant Chief Election Officer, for a six-month contract, subject to approval of the new Chief Election Officer.

The request to hire a Deputy Registrar General and a Financial Services Officer was denied.

The Board also requested that interim reports be submitted to them, on a regular basis, explaining the Agency's long-range plans.

Provincial Auditor - Vote 3301-01

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 2000/2001 Estimates for the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amount of \$8,368,400.

2000 TO 2007 ESTIMATES CAPITAL PLAN - Vote 0201-12

This item was tabled for discussion.

The Board agreed that Members required more information on both the Master Plan and Capital Plan to enable them to make an informed decision. Building Management and Conservation will prepare information to present to the Caucuses. This item will be referred back to the Board at a future meeting.

ITEM 4: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Klees, and agreed, that the Finance Director, under the provisions of Section 91 of the Legislative Assembly Act, be authorized to transfer monies from one item of the Estimates of the Office of the Assembly to another item, within the same vote, to facilitate the payment of accounts for the 1999/2000 fiscal year, with the provision that itemized accounts of transfers within votes will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

ITEM 5: Renewal of Food Services and Concession Operations Contract

Moved by, Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Agostino, and agreed, that the Board of Internal Economy approve the renewal of the Food Services and Concession Operations contract with Sodexo Marriott Services Canada Ltd. for a one-year period commencing July 8, 2000 and terminating July 7, 2001.

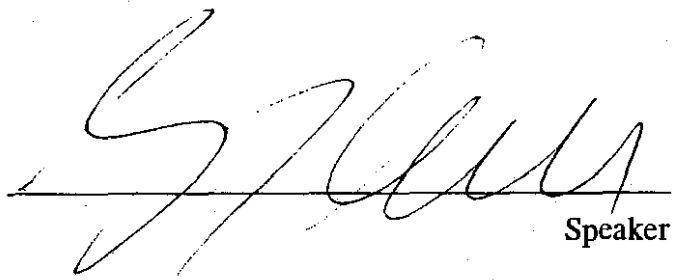
INFORMATION ONLY

Members' Staff / Sick Leave Replacement

The Board received the *1999/2000 Annual Report for Sick Leave Replacement*

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Speaker