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Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 1/2001
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2001**

Present

The Honourable Gary Carr, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Janet Ecker, MPP
The Honourable Frank Klees, MPP
The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP
Mr. Steve Gilchrist, MPP
Mr. Dominic Agostino, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

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Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

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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. Nick Viris, Director, Financial Services
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Deputy Executive Director / Government Members' Services
Ms Debbie Kemble, Manager, Finance & Administration / Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Val Fogarty / NDP Caucus
Mr. Kevin Raymond, Assistant to Dominic Agostino, MPP
Mr. Philip Bousquet, Executive Assistant to the Government House Leader
Mr. Peter Hardie, Assistant to Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP
Mr. Gordon Miller, Environmental Commissioner
Mr. Erik Peters, Provincial Auditor
Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP / Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Mr. John Cleary, MPP / Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Mr. Jim McCarter, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Ms Lynn Morrison, Office of the Integrity Commissioner
Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Information & Privacy Commissioner
Mr. Ken Anderson, Director of Corporate Services, IPC

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #4/2000

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Klees, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/00 be approved with one deletion: **Item 6: Members Attending Events** is cancelled.



ITEM 2: 2001/2002 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

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Assembly Offices Estimates

It was acknowledged that the Assembly Offices achieved a reduction in the 2001/2002 Estimates as a result of the current PSPF partial holiday. The reduction in the 2001/2002 Assembly Offices Estimates resulting from the PSPF partial holiday will be added back in the 2002/2003 Estimates. Excluding the reduction relating to the PSPF partial holiday, the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Assembly Offices include an increase of \$163,000 compared to the Approved 2000/2001 Estimates. For the 2002/2003 Estimates, the Assembly Offices are directed to find savings of \$163,000 within the total Assembly Offices Estimates to offset this increase.

Members' Services Estimates

The reduction in the 2001/02 Estimates for Members' Services results from the PSPF partial holiday. This reduction can be added back and shown as an increase in the 2002/03 Estimates for Members' Services.

ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Office of the Speaker – Vote 0201-01

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amount of \$470,100.

Office of the Clerk Vote 0201-02

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Bisson and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$610,000.

Legislative Services Vote 0201-03

Moved by Mr. Klees, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed that the 2001/2002 Estimates for Legislative Services be approved in the amount of \$9,681,100.

Media Studio

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Ms Ecker and agreed, that the Media Studio be upgraded to incorporate modern audio-video technology, seating and an appropriate décor at an estimated cost of \$125,000 for the renovations and upgrades, and \$50,000 for new electronic components. The funds are included in the estimates under the Sergeant-at-Arms [Vote 0201-06] and Legislative Services [Vote 0201-03].

Legislative Library Vote 0201-04

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Legislative Library be approved in the amount of \$5,577,000.

Administrative Services Vote 0201-05

Moved by Mr. Agostino, seconded by Mr. Stockwell and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for Administrative Services be approved in the amount of \$4,531,800.

Sergeant-at-Arms and Precinct Properties Vote 0201-06

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Bisson and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Sergeant-at-Arms and Precinct Properties be approved in the amount of \$14,580,500.

Capital Plan

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred until a future meeting.

Legislative Information Systems Vote 0201-07

Moved by Mr. Klees, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for Legislative Information Systems be approved in the amount of \$2,672,000.

Lieutenant Governor's Suite Vote 0201-12

Moved by Mr. Agostino, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Lieutenant Governor's Suite be approved in the amount of \$53,000.

MEMBERS' SERVICES

Caucus Support Services Vote 0201-08

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$9,395,700.

Members' Compensation and Travel Vote 0201-09

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for Members' Compensation and Travel be approved in an amended amount of \$12,543,200 to cover the cost of Members' mileage.

Members' Mileage

Moved by Mr. Klees, seconded by Mr. Bisson and agreed, to increase Members' mileage rates to 34 cents per kilometre, effective June 1, 2001.

Members' Office Support Services Vote 0201-10

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for Members' Office Support Services be approved in the amount of \$28,391,100.

Members' System Upgrades

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Klees, and agreed,

- That \$75,000 of ongoing new funding in the Members' Support Services budget be approved to support *Phase Three* of the Members' System Upgrades in fiscal year 2000/2001 per BOIE motion of December 2/98 to establish a fund for replacement of [Members'] computer equipment.
- The budget and upgrades will be managed by LIS. The funding is included in the Members' Office Support Services estimates [Vote 0201-10].

Legislative Internship Program Vote 0201-11

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme be approved in the amount of \$202,000.

COMMISSIONS

Environmental Commissioner – Vote 0202-01

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Environmental Commissioner be approved in an amended amount of \$1,858,200, a 2.1% increase over last year.

Mr. Bisson opposed the Motion.

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

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Klees and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in an amended amount of \$6,951,500.

Messrs. Agostino and Bisson were opposed.

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Vote 0202-03

Moved by Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Stockwell and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$777,700, and further,

- That the Commission would prepare a report on the cost of the Lobbyists Registration Service to present to the Board this fiscal year, and
- The Commission would prepare a plan on Cost Recovery for the Lobbyists Registration Service.

Mr. Bisson opposed the second part of the Motion.

AGENCIES

Ombudsman Ontario – Vote 3101-01

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Bisson and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Ombudsman Ontario be approved in the amount of \$8,006,300.

Chief Election Officer – Vote 0501-01

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$2,521,700.

Provincial Auditor – Vote 3301-01

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Klees and agreed, that the 2001/2002 Estimates for the Provincial Auditor be approved in an amended amount of \$8,368,400.

Messrs. Agostino and Bisson were opposed.

ITEM 3: Members' Special Requests /Tony Martin, MPP [Toronto Accommodation]

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

ITEM 4: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Agostino and agreed, that under the provisions of Section 91 of the Legislative Assembly Act, the Director, Financial Services is 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 each fiscal year.

It is understood that itemized accounts of transfers within votes would continue to be provided to the Board.

ITEM 5: Sodexo Marriott Food Services/Annual Report

Moved by Mr. Stockwell, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, 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, 2001 and terminating July 7, 2002.

ITEM 6: Association of Former Ontario Parliamentarians

2] Request for funding 2001/2002

Moved by Mr. Klees, seconded by Mr. Stockwell and agreed, to increase to the 2001/2002 budget for the Association of Former Ontario Parliamentarians [OAFP] to \$13,000, with the stipulation that the OAFP would manage their own budget. The Speaker and/or the Office of the Assembly will no longer monitor or approve expenses.

Mr. Bisson was opposed.

3] Pre-Approval Results

Moved by Ms Ecker, seconded by Mr. Klees and agreed, that

- the outstanding expenditures for 2000/2001 totaling \$2,279.56, submitted by the Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians [OAFP] for payment, is approved, and
- that a Purolator account be established for their use, through the Legislative Assembly, with related courier costs to be paid by the OAFP.

Mr. Bisson opposed the Motion.

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board received the following information items.

Members' Staff / Sick Leave Replacement

The Board received the *2000/2001 Annual Report for Sick Leave Replacement*.

Toronto Accommodation Overage

Funds were advanced to Ernie Parsons, MPP to cover the over-expenditure in his Toronto Accommodation Allowance due to the Rent Review Board retroactive rent review adjustments.

Report on Caucus Funding

The Board received the Report on Caucus Funding.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF MEETING # 2/2001
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2001**

Present

The Honourable Gary Carr, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Janet Ecker, MPP
The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP
Mr. Steve Gilchrist, MPP
Mr. Dominic Agostino, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

Absent

The Honourable Frank Klees, MPP

Secretariat

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Mr. Jim McCarter, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Information & Privacy Commissioner
Ms. Janet Geisberger, Manager of Corporate Services, IPC

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #1, 2000

Moved by Ms. Ecker, seconded by Mr. Stockwell, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/01 be approved with one change: **Item 2: PSPF - the wording has been changed to reflect discussion by the Members on the PSPF partial holiday.**

ITEM 2: 2001/2002 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

COMMISSIONS

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

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Stockwell, and agreed, that the previously approved Estimates for 2001/2002 for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of \$6,951,500 be amended and increased by \$298,000. The Approved amended Estimates for 2001/2002 for the Information and Privacy Commission total \$7,249,500. The increase of \$298,000 will be used to fund the 30% award to legal counsel only. The additional funding cannot be used to hire new staff or for any other purpose.

AGENCIES

Provincial Auditor – Vote 3301-01

Moved by Mr Agostino, seconded by Mr. Bisson, that funding be approved in 2001/2002 for the Provincial Auditor to pay for costs re: examination of the details of the agreement between the Ontario Power Generation and the Bruce Partnership.

Ms. Ecker, Messrs. Stockwell and Gilchrist were opposed.

The motion was defeated

The Provincial Auditor's request for an increase to his Estimates was deferred for a two-week period

ITEM 3: Request from Tony Martin, MPP

- **Toronto Accommodation**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

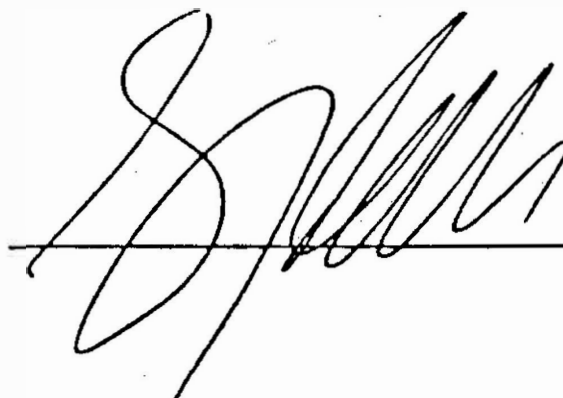
OTHER BUSINESS

Capital Plan, 2001-2007

Discussion was held by the Members regarding the document "The Capital Plan, 2001 - 2007 and more specifically approval of Phase I of the Capital Plan. Mr. Stockwell indicated that subject to the Legislative Assembly's presentation of the Capital Plan to the Progressive Conservative Caucus, a pre-approval form, with a Motion for the approval of funding in the amount of \$7,860,000 for Phase I, be sent to Board Members by June 29th.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


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Speaker

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**MINUTES OF MEETING # 3/2001
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 10:45 a.m. on MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001**

Present

The Honourable Gary Carr, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Janet Ecker, MPP
The Honourable Rob Sampson, MPP
The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP
Mr. Steve Gilchrist, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

Absent

Mr. Dominic Agostino, MPP

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #2/2001

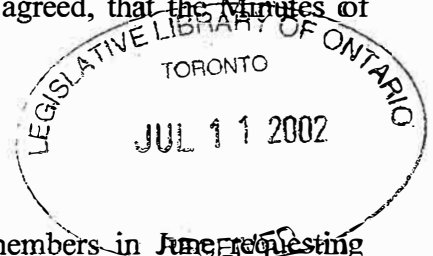
Moved by Ms Ecker, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/2001 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: PRE-APPROVALS

[a] Funding of Phase 1 of the Capital Plan

A pre-approval form was circulated to all board members in June 2001 requesting approval to fund an amount of \$7,860,000 for 2001/2002 to allow the Legislative Assembly to proceed with Phase 1 of the Capital Plan as outlined in the document entitled *The Capital Plan, 2001-2007*.

The Board members agreed to approve the request only if the following criteria were met.



Approval of Phase 1 is conditional on all space allocation and communication issues [as a result of the Dining Room relocation] being resolved to the BOIE Members' satisfaction before work commences. The point of contact for each caucus will be the Caucus Administrator.

After discussion, it was agreed by the Board that the above conditions are still to be resolved.

[b] Funding Approval / Office of the Integrity Commissioner Bill 82

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Sampson, and agreed, that one-time funding in the amount of up to \$50,000 be approved in 2001/2002 for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner to carry out its mandate as set out in Bill 82.

Mr. Bisson opposed the Motion.

[c] 2001/2002 Estimates for the Provincial Auditor

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Sampson, and agreed, that additional funding in the amount of \$608,800 be approved for 2001/2002 for the Provincial Auditor's Office, resulting in a total approved estimate of \$8,977,200 for 2001/2002.

[d] Select Committee on Alternative Fuel Sources

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Sampson, and agreed, that the Select Committee on Alternative Fuel Sources budget of \$382,200 for its review of alternatives to our existing fossil fuel sources as outlined in its terms of reference dated June 28, 2001 be approved.

[e] MPP's Salary Increase

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Sampson, and agreed, that following the report by Justice Evans, the Integrity Commissioner, MPP's salary is increased by 3% retroactive to April 1, 2001 resulting in a new base salary of \$80,347 per annum. As a result of this increase, approval is given for the increase of \$360,000 in the Members' Compensation and Benefits section of the 2001/2002 estimates.

Mr. Bisson opposed the Motion.

[f] Parental Leave

Moved by Mr. Gilchrist, seconded by Mr. Sampson, and agreed, that approval be given to extend the parental leave top-up from 10 weeks to 15 weeks for Legislative Assembly employees, Commission employees and Caucus and Members' staff, with the costs to be absorbed within the applicable estimates.

ITEM 3: Policy on Business Travel / Kilometre Reimbursement Rates

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, and agreed, that:

1. The business travel kilometre reimbursement rate for Members' and Caucus staff, Assembly staff, and applicable Commissions be increased to the new graduated rates as proposed in Appendix #1, Part 1.
2. The new business travel kilometre reimbursement rate be adopted effective the date of approval by the Board of Internal Economy.
3. No increase shall be made in the approved 2001/2002 estimates for the Office of the Assembly as a result of the adoption of new graduated reimbursement rates for staff.

ITEM 4: Year-end Transfer of Funds

The Board received the 2000/2001 Report of Year-End Transfer of Funds.

ITEM 5: Members' Toronto Accommodation

[a] Tony Martin, MPP

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

[b] Domenic Agostino, MPP

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

The Board instructed staff to review Members' Toronto Accommodation and prepare options for the Board's review during the estimates process.

ITEM 6: Member's Special Request

a) David Christopherson, MPP

Mr. Bisson moved a motion to approve \$1500 in constituency moving costs for Mr. Christopherson, outside the stipulated period June 3, 1999 to December 31, 2000. The motion was defeated and Mr. Christopherson's request was denied.

ITEM 7: Legislative Security Service

This item was tabled for discussion and agreed that the matter would be referred to the Speaker's Advisory Committee on Security for review.

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board received the following information items.

Office of the Provincial Auditor/Statement of Expenditure

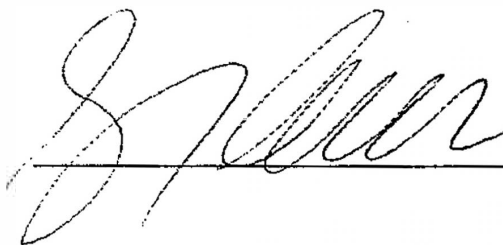
- Year ended March 31, 2001

Office of the Legislative Assembly/Financial Statements

- Year ended March 31, 2001

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11.50 a.m.



Speaker