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Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 1/2003
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2003**

Present

The Honourable Gary Carr, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Doug Galt, MPP
The Honourable Norm Sterling, MPP
The Honourable Brad Clark, MPP
Mr. Steve Gilchrist, MPP
Mr. Rick Bartolucci, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP



Secretariat

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary
Ms. Mary Edwards, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms and Executive Director, Precinct Properties
Ms. Deborah Deller, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director, Legislative Services
Ms. Sylvia Nemanic, Executive Director, Administrative Services

Guests

Mr. Nick Viris, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Zina Decker, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Ms. Donna Burton, Director, Information Resources
Ms. Barbara Cowieson, Deputy Executive Director / Government Members' Services
Ms. Debbie Kemble, Manager, Finance & Administration / Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms. Val Fogarty / NDP Caucus

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #2/2002

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/02 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Information Technology – Long Term Projects

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling and agreed, that:

Administrative Services:

The Legislative Assembly proceed with the replacement of the existing Administrative Services systems with one integrated software solution, in line with the Assembly's three-year plan and IT strategy over an 18 month period commencing in 2003.

One-time funding in the amount of \$83,400 be approved in 2003/2004 to initiate the process. Funding will be requested and savings will be included in future estimates as outlined in the estimated cost of the recommended solution.

Geac Integrated Library System

The Library replace the existing Geac Advance integrated library system (ILS) in order to raise the level of client service to the current standard for Library on-line catalogues, and to reduce internal inefficiencies in its daily collection management processes.

One-time funding in the amount of \$525,000 be approved in 2003/2004 with ongoing

maintenance cost of \$12,000 annually.

Information Infrastructure Project

The Assembly proceed with the Information Infrastructure project on the understanding that the initial consulting and development costs be funded from within and the future costs will be presented to the Board of Internal Economy for approval.

ITEM 3: 2003/2004 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Office of the Speaker Vote 0201-01

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amount of \$681,800.

Office of the Clerk Vote 0201-02

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$720,100.

Legislative Services Vote 0201-03

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed that the 2003/2004 Estimates for Legislative Services be approved in the amount of \$11,018,900.

Legislative Library Vote 0201-04

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Legislative Library be approved in the amount of \$6,617,400.

Administrative Services Vote 0201-05

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for Administrative Services be approved in the amended amount of \$5,018,400.

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

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Sergeant-at-Arms and Precinct Properties be approved in the amended amount of \$21,796,900 with the following stipulations:

- Approval of replacement of carpet on the 4th floor due to life and health concerns.
- Approval of replacement of carpet in the committee rooms, no other renovation work to be undertaken.
- Approval of the purchase of chairs and desks for Committee Members and Committee staff and audio equipment for desks.
- The Sergeant at Arms to report back to the Board on what security measures Management Board Secretariat has requested for the Whitney Building.

Legislative Information Systems Vote 0201-07

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Gilchrist, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for Legislative Information Systems be approved in the amount of \$3,213,300.

Lieutenant Governor's Suite Vote 0201-12

Moved by Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Lieutenant Governor's Suite be approved in the amount of \$76,000.

MEMBERS' SERVICES

Caucus Support Services Vote 0201-08

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$9,641,000.

Members' Compensation and Travel Vote 0201-09

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for Members' Compensation and Travel be approved in the amended amount of \$13,604,100.

Members' Office Support Services Vote 0201-10

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for Members' Office Support Services be approved in the amount of \$29,139,100.

Legislative Internship Program Vote 0201-11

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Ontario Legislature Internship Program be approved in the amount of \$202,000.

COMMISSIONS

*** Environmental Commissioner – Vote 0202-01**

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Environmental Commissioner be approved in the amended amount of \$2,030,300. The amount approved was based on 2002/03 approved estimates plus the rate of inflation (2.9%).

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

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amended amount of \$7,671,800. The amount approved was based on 2002/03 approved estimates plus the rate of inflation (2.9%).

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Vote 0202-03

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$817,900.

AGENCIES

*** Ombudsman Ontario – Vote 3101-01**

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Ombudsman Ontario be approved in the amended amount of \$8,739,700. The amount approved was based on 2002/03 approved estimates plus the rate of inflation (2.9%).

Chief Election Officer – Vote 0501-01

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$8,564,000.

*** Provincial Auditor – Vote 3301-01**

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the 2003/2004 Estimates for the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amended amount of \$9,634,300. The amount approved was based on 2002/03 approved estimates plus the rate of inflation (2.9%).

* There was discussion among the Board members concerning the amount of additional funding requested by some Commissions and Agencies. It was agreed to award the rate of inflation for now and allow the Commissions and Agencies to come back to the Board to address funding once a new parliament is in place.

ITEM 4: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Sterling, 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 within votes would continue to be provided to the Board.

ITEM 5: Renovations and Furniture Improvements to the Dining Room

This item was tabled for discussion, after which the request was denied.

The Board did suggest that questions concerning the dining room decor and furniture be included in the upcoming Food Services survey.

ITEM 6: Renewal of Food Services and Concession Operations Contract

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci and agreed, that the Board approve the renewal of the Food Services and Concession Operations contract with Sodexo Services of Canada Ltd. for one-year period commencing July 8, 2003 until July 7, 2004.

ITEM 7: Proposed Changes to Health, Dental and Life Insurance Benefits for Former Members

Moved by Mr. Sterling, second by Mr. Bartolucci and agreed, that no changes be made at this time to benefits for former Members (Option #1).

ITEM 8: 2002/2003 Approval under BOIE #4/90, Members' exceeding Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci and agreed, that approval be given to allow Mr. Cleary to exceed his Toronto Accommodation ceiling by \$289.45 due to an approved rent increased over and above the Rent Control Review Board approved increase for 2002/2003.

ITEM 9: Caucus Allocation

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci and seconded by Mr. Sterling and agreed that the Office of the Legislative Assembly fund outside of Caucus allocations, any expenditure due to the notice of termination period and severance payments, including vacation pay, for all Caucus staff terminated up to nine months after the next general election date, which may be required beyond the approved Caucus allocation and that this apply to all future elections.

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board received the following information items.

Pre-approval – Transfer of Banking Services for the Legislative Assembly

The Board unanimously approved the request.

Pension and Legislative Severance Costs

The Board received the correspondence on Pension and Legislative Severance Costs.

2002/2003 Year End Transfer of Funds

The Board received the 2002/2003 Year End Transfer of Funds report.

The Assembly to provide a report covering 2002/2003 expenses and 2003/2004 expenses

incurred to date for legal costs.

2002/2003 Members' Staff Sick Leave Replacement

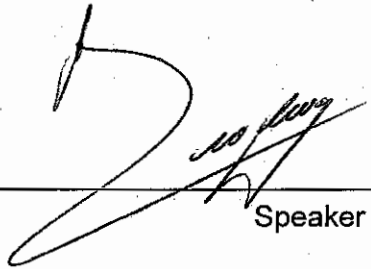
The Board received the 2002/2003 Members' Staff Sick Leave Replacement report.

General Comprehensive Liability Insurance Coverage for Members, their Staff and Volunteers

The Board received the General Comprehensive Liability Insurance Coverage report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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



Speaker