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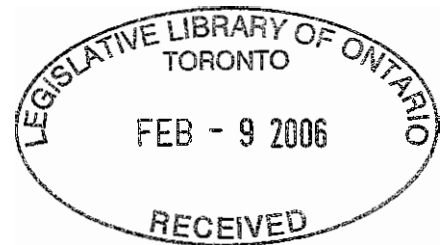


Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING #1/2005
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005**

Present

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The Honourable David Caplan, MPP
The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, MPP
Ms Monique Smith, MPP
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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #3/2005

Moved by Mr. Caplan, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/04 be approved as circulated.

IN CAMERA

At this point in the meeting, the Board members met *In Camera* to discuss a confidential matter concerning Food Services.

ITEM 2: Information Technology & Information Management Plan

This item was tabled for discussion.

The Board agreed to support the recommendations of the plan.

ITEM 3: Security Proposal

This item was tabled for discussion. The request was denied.

ITEM 4: Report on Operations & Maintenance for the Main Legislative Building

This item was tabled for discussion and denied. Mr. Duncan will express the Assembly's concerns to the Chair of Management Board, Hon. Gerry Phillips. The Assembly is to address their concerns formally with Profac.

ITEM 5: 2005/2006 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Office of the Speaker Vote 0201-01

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amended amount of \$526,600. The amount approved represents a 1% reduction.

Office of the Clerk Vote 0201-02

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amended amount of \$757,600. The amount approved represents the removal of \$25,000, in addition to a 1% reduction.

Legislative Services Vote 0201-03

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Legislative Services be approved in the amended amount of \$11,404,900. The amount approved represents a 1% reduction.

Legislative Library Vote 0201-04

Moved by by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Legislative Library be approved in the amended amount of \$6,236,800. The amount approved represents the removal of \$28,600, in addition to a 1% reduction.

Administrative Services Vote 0201-05

Moved by by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Administrative Services be approved in the amended amount of \$5,676,600. The amount approved represents the removal of \$189,400, in addition to a 1% reduction.

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

Moved by by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Sergeant-at-Arms and Precinct Properties be approved in the amended amount of \$21,237,700. The amount approved represents the removal of \$1,331,800, in addition to a 1% reduction.

Legislative Information Systems Vote 0201-07

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Legislative Information Systems be approved in the amended amount of \$3,775,600. The amount approved represents a 1% reduction.

Lieutenant Governor's Suite Vote 0201-12

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Lieutenant Governor's Suite be approved in the amended amount of \$75,200. The amount approved represents the removal of \$50,000, in addition to a 1% reduction.

MEMBERS' SERVICES

Caucus Support Services Vote 0201-08

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$9,400,700.

Members' Compensation and Travel Vote 0201-09

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Members' Compensation and Travel be approved in the amount of \$13,876,900.

Members' Office Support Services Vote 0201-10

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Members' Office Support Services be approved in the amended amount of \$1,821,820. The amount approved represents the reduction of \$133,700, and the addition of \$766,320 for members' staff salaries and benefits.

Legislative Internship Program Vote 0201-11

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Ontario Legislature Internship Program be approved in the amount of \$202,000.

COMMISSIONS

Environmental Commissioner – Vote 0202-01

After discussion, it was agreed that the Environmental Commissioner would be asked to appear before the Board at its next meeting to address the Environmental Commissioner's Estimates. A 1% reduction is to be applied against the estimates submitted. Estimates are still subject to BOIE approval.

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

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amended amount of \$11,725,700. The amount approved represents the removal of \$90,500, along with a 1% reduction.

Office of the Integrity Commissioner – Vote 0202-03

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner be approved in the amended amount of \$818,900. The amount approved represents a 1% reduction.

AGENCIES

Ombudsman Ontario – Vote 3101-01

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for Ombudsman Ontario be approved in the amended amount of \$9,237,100. The amount approved represents the removal of \$46,200, along with a 1% reduction.

Chief Election Officer – Vote 0501-01

After discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Election Officer would be asked to appear before the Board at its next meeting to address the Chief Election Office estimates. The amount to be removed is the audit subsidies of \$290,600, along with a 1% reduction. Estimates are still subject to BOIE approval.

Auditor General – Vote 3301-01

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Auditor General be approved in the amended amount of \$12,552,200. The amount approved represents a 1% reduction.

ITEM 6: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Bisson, 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 7: MPP Advertising Guidelines – R. Runciman, MPP

The item was tabled for discussion and denied.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NDP Members and Caucus Funding

This item was deferred to a pre-approval.

Non-Partisan Community Events

Moved by Ms Witmer, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that effective April 1, 2005, Members be allowed to claim up to \$2,000 per year within existing global budgets to cover the cost of attending non-partisan community events in their ridings. Tickets may be purchased for both member and guest.

Accommodation Expenses Outside Riding on Legislative Business

Moved by Ms Witmer, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that effective April 1, 2005, the number of nights allowable under "Accommodation Expense Outside Riding on Legislative Business" be increased from six nights per year to eight nights per year.

Members Global Budget – Support Staff salaries

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that effective April 1, 2005, the Support Staff portion of the Members Global Budget be increased to reflect the increase in staff ceilings of 2% in 2004 and 2% in 2005. The new ceilings are reflected in the information item "Members' Staff Salary Ceiling Update" and that the new amount for the Support Staff Salaries will be \$159,550. This means an increase of \$6,200 to the global budget.

Members' Communication Equipment Expenditures

Moved by Mr. Caplan, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that Members' communication equipment expenditures will be tabled in the House on a summary basis as part of the Speaker's Report on Individual Members' Expenditures.

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board received the following information items:

- Office of the Legislative Assembly, Audit Findings Report for Year Ended March 31, 2004
- Pre-approval: Standing Committee on Public Accounts to expend funds from existing funding to host the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and the Canadian Conference of Legislative Auditors - Approved
- Food Services Update
- Members' Staff Salary Ceiling Update

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



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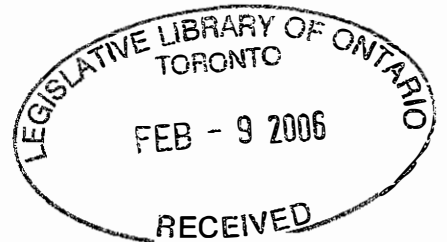


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**MINUTES OF MEETING #2/2005
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 3:20 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005**

Present

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The Honourable Dwight Duncan, MPP
The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, MPP
Ms Monique Smith, MPP
Ms Elizabeth Witmer, MPP
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The Honourable Gerry Phillips, Chair of Management Board

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Food Services and Concession Operations

The negotiated terms of the Food Services agreement with Compass Group Canada (Beaver) Ltd. was presented.

Moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, it was agreed that the contract for Food Service Operations at the Legislative Assembly be awarded to Compass Group Canada (Beaver) Ltd. for an initial term of seven (7) years with the option to extend for three (3) additional one-year periods at the discretion of the Speaker, as per the terms, conditions, and specification of the negotiated agreement.

ITEM 2: Veterans Memorial – Hon. Gerry Phillips, MPP

The Chair of Management Board presented the recommended design proposal for the Veterans Memorial to be erected on the grounds of the Legislature.

Moved by Mr. Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Witmer, it was agreed that the recommended design be approved and that ongoing development and production of the memorial be done in consultation with the Speaker.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Speaker

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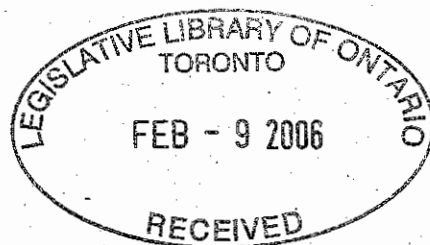


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**MINUTES OF MEETING #3/2005
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Special Guests

Mr. Andre Marin, Ombudsman, Ombudsman Ontario
Mr. Peter Allen, Director Corporate Services, Ombudsman Ontario

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Minutes of Meeting #2/2005

Moved by Mr. Caplan, seconded by Mr. Bartolucci, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/05 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 2005/2006 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

Office of the Environmental Commissioner Vote 0202-01

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Environmental Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$2,010,000.

Office of the Chief Election Officer Vote 0501-01

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the 2005/2006 Estimates for the Office of the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$6,112,200.

ITEM 3: Ombudsman Ontario – request for additional funding

Moved by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the request by the Ombudsman of Ontario for one time funding of \$1.6 million dollars be approved subject to the following reductions.

- a) That contingency requests as outlined in the Leasehold and Move Project Budget be denied.
- b) That the request for disbursements in the Leasehold and Move Project Budget be denied; and
- c) That the request for funding for restructuring be reduced by \$100,000.

The one time funding approved for 2005/2006 is \$1,370,000.

ITEM 4: Salary Adjustments Vote 0201-08

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that the 2004 and 2005 MCP adjustments be adopted for Caucus staff (with the exception of NDP caucus staff, as increases are negotiated through their own collective agreements) and that caucus funding be revised and applied against all Caucuses for 2005/2006, in the amount of \$307,200.

ITEM 5: Members' Constituency Travel Report

Moved by Mr. Bartolucci, seconded by Ms Witmer, and approved that the current definition of "constituency travel" be retained and the number of Assembly trips be increased from 20 to 40 under the 64-point travel system, effective April 1, 2005.

Staff of the Assembly are asked to determine if this increase is sufficient and consult with Members and report back to the Board.

ITEM 6: MPP Requests

a) Non-Partisan Community Events – Mr. Sterling

Staff of the Assembly are asked to report back to the Board on this item.

b) Professional Fees – Mr. Sterling

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

Air Travel - Mr. Bisson

Request to support a change concerning air travel is deferred. Staff of the Assembly are asked to report back to the Board on this issue.

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board received the following information items:

- Appointment Process for Commissioners and Automobile Provisions
- Pre-approval: Select Committee on Electoral Reform request for additional funding for the specific purpose of the proposed travel – Approved

- Pre-approval: Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of attending the 2005 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures – Approved
- Pre-approval: Salaries and Benefits as they relate to the NDP Members in the event of a by-election in the riding of Toronto-Danforth and Caucus Funding - Approved
- Self-insurance of Constituency Offices Property
- Financial Statements 2004/05 for the Legislative Assembly
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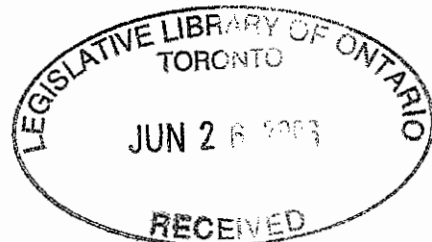


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