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Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING #1/2010
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010**

Present

The Honourable Steve Peters, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Monique Smith, MPP
The Honourable Chris Bentley, MPP
The Honourable Brad Duguid, MPP
Mr. Wayne Arthurs, MPP
Ms. Elizabeth Witmer, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

Secretariat

Ms. Deborah Deller, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Todd Decker, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director, Legislative Services
Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms and Executive Director, Precinct Properties
Ms. Vicki Whitmell, Executive Director, Legislative Library

Guests

Ms. Debbie Kemble, Director, Finance & Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms. Barbara Cowieson, PC Members' Services
Ms. Val Fogarty, Director of Administration, NDP Caucus
Mr. Nick Viris, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Nancy Marling, Director, Human Resources
Ms. Zina Decker, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Mr. Brian Brethour, Director, Precinct Properties
Ms. Maggie Head, Executive Assistant to the Speaker

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes Of Meeting #5/2009

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Arthurs, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #5/2009 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Tour of Washrooms – 2nd & 3rd floor North Wing (Men's & Women's)

This was to be conducted after the meeting adjourned.

ITEM 3: Proposed Salary Band Increases

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Duguid, and agreed, that the Legislative Assembly implement salary band increases of 1.5% for Senior Management earning greater than \$150,000 and 1.75% for all other Assembly staff effective April 1, 2009. The cost of \$110,000 relating to implementation of the above salary band increases (including benefits) to be funded from within salary savings identified in 2009/2010. The annual ongoing impact on merits of the salary band increases to be included in the 2010/2011 Proposed Estimates.

ITEM 4: Vision and Hearing Benefits for Former Members

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Ms. Witmer, and agreed, that the premiums for the Vision and Hearing benefit under the former Member benefit plan be 100% employer paid effective April 1, 2010. (Ms. Smith declared a personal interest in the above.)

ITEM 5: Funding for Council of State Government Midwest Conference - 2010

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that one-time funding in the net amount of \$600,000 be approved for 2010/2011 for the Council of State Government Midwest Conference.



ITEM 6: Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Duguid, and agreed, that one-time funding in the amount of \$40,000 be approved for 2010/2011 for the Select Committee on Mental Health and Addictions.

NEW BUSINESS

Members' Expenses

This item was tabled for discussion. Staff to provide current policy/guidelines on Members' attending events.

Pension and Severance to Members

This item was tabled for discussion and dismissed.

Members' Mileage Rate

This item was tabled for discussion. Staff to conduct a comparator and report back .

Making Queen's Park Bicycle Friendly

Staff to look for space to store bicycles and report back.

INFORMATION ITEMS

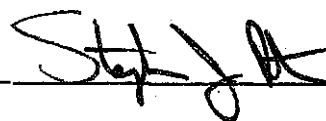
- Pre-approval – Additional Operating Fund for the Office of the Environment Commissioner of Ontario, dated February 1, 2010 (approved)
- Pre-approval – Additional funding for the Integrity Commission for new mandate under the Public Sector Expenses Review Act, 2009, dated February 1, 2010 (approved)
- Cooling Tower Replacement, dated January 28, 2010

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m.



Speaker

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**MINUTES OF MEETING #2/2010
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010**

Present

The Honourable Steve Peters, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Monique Smith, MPP
The Honourable Chris Bentley, MPP
The Honourable Brad Duguid, MPP
Mr. Wayne Arthurs, MPP
Ms. Elizabeth Witmer, MPP

Absent

Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

Secretariat

Ms. Deborah Deller, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary
Ms. Mary Edwards, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

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Guests

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Mr. Nick Viris, Director, Financial Services
Mr. Brian Brethour, Director, Precinct Properties
Ms. Zina Decker, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Ms. Maggie Head, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Mr. Irwin Elman, Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth
Ms. Jennifer Golden, Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth
Ms. Laura Arndt, Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth
Mr. Greg Essena, Chief Electoral Officer
Ms. Lisa Forte, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #1/2010

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Mr. Duguid, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/2010 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 2010/2011 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

This item was tabled for discussion allowing the Members an opportunity to ask questions with respect to the submitted 2010/2011 Estimates.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Office of the Assembly, Financial Statements for year ended March 31, 2009
- Office of the Auditor General of Ontario, Financial Statements for year ended March 31, 2009
- Information Technology and Information Management Plan 2010/2011
- Precinct Properties Branch – Capital Projects 2010 - 2012
- Summer Intern in the Press Gallery

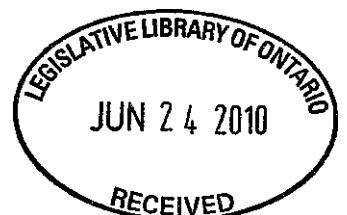
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Speaker





Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING #3/2010
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010 AT 4:00 P.M.**

This meeting was cancelled.

Speaker



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING #4/2010
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010**

Present

The Honourable Steve Peters, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Monique Smith, MPP
The Honourable Chris Bentley, MPP
The Honourable Brad Duguid, MPP
Mr. Wayne Arthurs, MPP
Ms. Elizabeth Witmer, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

Secretariat

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Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Todd Decker, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director, Legislative Services
Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms and Executive Director, Precinct Properties
Ms. Sylvia Nemanic, Executive Director, Administrative Services
Ms. Vicki Whitmell, Executive Director, Legislative Library

Guests

Ms. Debbie Kemble, Director, Finance & Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms. Barbara Cowieson, PC Members' Services
Ms. Val Fogarty, Director of Administration, NDP Caucus
Mr. Nick Viris, Director, Financial Services
Ms. Zina Decker, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Ms. Maggie Head, Executive Assistant to the Speaker

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #2/2010

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Arthurs, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/2010 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 2010/2011 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

This item was tabled for discussion and additional information was provided concerning the Office of the Assembly's budgeting practice for salaries and benefits.

2010/2011 Estimates Sergeant at Arms and Precinct Properties Vote 0201-06

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that one-time funding in the amount of \$7,410,500 be approved as follows:

- Environmental Program - \$934,000
- Interior Projects (Life & Fire Safety) - \$266,000
- Interior Projects (Accessibility) - \$870,000
- Exterior Program (Year 4 of 5 Year Program and Maintenance) - \$5,340,500

Staff to provide further details concerning the Page Washroom project and approval will be handled via pre-approval.

ITEM 3: Standing Committee on Public Accounts – 2010 Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees

Moved by Ms. Witmer, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that The Standing Committee on Public Accounts attend the Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees and that \$30,700 be approved from the Global Committees budget.

ITEM 4: Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly – 2010 Annual Meeting of the State Legislatures

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that The Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly attend the 2010 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures and that \$45,440 be approved from the Global Committees budget.

ITEM 5: Dental Benefits for Former Members

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Arthurs, and agreed, that the dental major restorative services benefit under the Former Member Dental Benefit Plan be increased from 50% of costs up to a calendar maximum of \$1,200 to 50% of costs up to a calendar year maximum of \$2,000, effective April 1, 2010. No additional funding required.

Ms Smith and Ms Witmer declared a personal interest in the above.

ITEM 6: Authority to Transfer Funds

Moved by Mr. Bentley, 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 of transfers within votes would continue to be provided to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Additional costs to comply with online posting

This item was tabled for discussion and has been deferred pending a report back.

NEW BUSINESS:

Over Expenditure Members' Global Budget 2009/2010

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that Mr. Bisson and Ms Gelinas be reimbursed for the over expenditure in their 2009/2010 Global Budget and that the payments be charged to their 2010/2011 Global Budget. No consideration will be given to this type of request with respect to the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

Members' Travel Expenses

This item was tabled for discussion and has been deferred to the next BOIE meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board received the following:

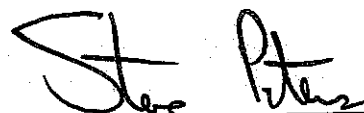
- 2009/2010 Year End Transfer of Funds. This item was tabled for information only.
- 2009/2010 Members' Staff Sick Leave Replacement. This item was tabled for information only.
- Support Re-development of North Wing basement into a fitness area. This item was tabled for discussion and dismissed.
- Mileage Reimbursement Rates. This item was tabled for discussion and dismissed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Speaker



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING #5/2010
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

Present

The Honourable Steve Peters, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Monique Smith, MPP
The Honourable Chris Bentley, MPP
Mr. Wayne Arthurs, MPP
Ms Elizabeth Witmer, MPP
Mr. Gilles Bisson, MPP

Absent

The Honourable Brad Duguid, MPP

Secretariat

Ms Deborah Deller, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Todd Decker, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director, Legislative Services
Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms and Executive Director, Precinct Properties
Ms Sylvia Nemanic, Executive Director, Administrative Services
Ms Vicki Whitmell, Executive Director, Information and Technology Services Division and Legislative Librarian

Guests

Ms Debbie Kemble, Director, Finance and Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Barbara Cowieson, PC Members' Services
Ms Val Fogarty, Director of Administration, NDP Caucus
Mr. Nick Viris, Director, Financial Services
Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Ms Maggie Head, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Mr. Brian Brethour, Director, Precinct Properties

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Minutes of Meeting #4/2010

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/2010 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 2010/2011 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

The Board deferred a decision relating to salary and merit increases and related benefits to the next Board meeting.

It was agreed that a briefing relating to the wage restraint legislation be provided at an informal meeting before the November Board meeting.

MEMBERS' SERVICES

Caucus Support Services Vote 0201-08

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$11,175,400, less amounts included for salary increases and related benefits of \$175,400 (Approved amount is \$11,000,000).

Members' Compensation and Travel Vote 0201-09

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Arthurs, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for Members' Compensation and Travel be approved in the amount of \$20,201,600.

Members' Office Support Services Vote 0201-10

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for Members' Office Support Services be approved in the amount of \$38,782,800, less amounts included for salary and related benefit increases of \$454,200. (Approved amount is \$38,328,600).

Legislative Internship Program Vote 0201-11

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme be approved in the amount of \$262,000.

ASSEMBLY OFFICES

Office of the Speaker Vote 0201-01

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Office of the Speaker be approved in the amount of \$441,500 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$1,300 (Approved amount is \$440,200).

Office of the Clerk Vote 0201-02

Moved by Ms Witmer, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$809,900, less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$10,600 (Approved amount is \$799,300).

Legislative Services Vote 0201-03

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed that the additional amount of \$12,342,960 be approved for Legislative Services for 2010/2011 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$243,400 (Approved amount is \$12,099,560).

Information and Technology Services Vote 0201-04

Moved by Ms Witmer, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for Information and Technology Services be approved in the amount of \$11,869,300, less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$243,700 (Approved amount is \$11,625,600).

Administrative Services Vote 0201-05

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for Administrative Services be approved in the amount of \$6,153,600, less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$145,300 (Approved amount is \$6,008,300).

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

Moved by Ms Witmer, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the additional amount of \$19,666,200 (\$21,211,800 less removal of various projects totaling \$1,024,600 and a reduction of \$521,000 for the North Wing Washrooms as approved under Item #4 at BOIE #4/2010) be approved for the Sergeant-At-Arms and Precinct Properties for 2010/2011 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of 279,300 (Approved amount is \$19,386,900).

Lieutenant Governor's Suite Vote 0201-12

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Lieutenant Governor's Suite be approved in the amount of \$75,000.

COMMISSIONS

Office of the Environmental Commissioner Vote 0202-01

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that the additional amount of \$3,683,500 be approved for the Environmental Commissioner for 2010/2011 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits for non-bargaining employees of \$31,900 (Approved amount is \$3,651,600).

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Vote 0202-02

Moved by Mr. Arthurs, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$14,519,900, less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits for non-bargaining employees of \$638,400 (Approved amount is \$13,881,500).

Office of the Integrity Commissioner Vote 0202-03

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that the additional amount of \$1,860,000 be approved for the Office of the Integrity Commissioner for 2010/2011 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits for non-bargaining employees of \$27,500 (Approved amount is \$1,832,500).

Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth Vote 0202-04

This item was tabled for discussion and has been deferred to the next BOIE meeting pending a report back on the status of staffing.

AGENCIES

Ombudsman Ontario Vote 2301-01

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for Ombudsman Ontario be approved in the amount of \$10,568,000 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits for non-bargaining employees of \$96,000 (Approved amount is \$10,472,000).

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Vote 0501-01

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Bentley, and agreed, that an additional 1 unclassified complement be approved under the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. Funding to cover salaries and benefits has been included in the submitted 2010/2011 Estimates.

Moved by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$11,498,800 less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$303,700 (Approved amount is \$11,195,100).

Auditor General Vote 0501-01

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Arthurs, and agreed, that the 2010/2011 Estimates for the Office of the Auditor General be approved in the amount of \$16,565,500, less amounts included for salary and merit increases and related benefits of \$341,400 (Approved amount is \$16,224,100).

ITEM 3: Policies for an Outgoing Member

Allowable Travel Expenses for an Outgoing Member

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Bisson, and agreed, that the policy be updated to reimburse an outgoing Member for three return trips to address closing their office(s) and Toronto Accommodation. The trips may be used by the Member or a family member or a designated traveller.

Toronto Accommodation Funding for an Outgoing Member

This item was tabled for discussion and no decision taken.

ITEM 4: Application of 64 Points to MPP Travel

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred to a BOIE meeting at which time the Member will be invited to appear before the meeting.

ITEM 5: Policy/Guidelines on Members' Attending Non-partisan Community Events

Moved by Mr. Bisson, seconded by Ms Witmer, and agreed, that the current practice be replaced to allow Members to claim the cost to attend non-partisan events up to the current budget limit of \$2,000 anywhere in Ontario. Any trips outside the Member's riding would be counted as an Assembly trip.

A vote was taken by members of the BOIE. Ms. Smith, Mr. Bentley and Mr. Arthurs opposed. Mr. Bisson and Ms Witmer in favour. Motion defeated.

No change was made to the original policy approved at meeting #1/2005 and reconfirmed at meeting #2/2006. Members would be reimbursed only for events in their riding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Travel Issue

Staff to meet with Mr. Bisson and to prepare a report addressing Constituency travel for Northern Members and the 4 days of air charter travel allowed under the 64 point system for Constituency travel.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The BOIE received the following:

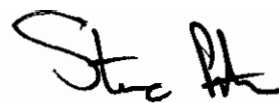
- Pre-approval for Page Washrooms – approved \$181,486
- Pre-approval for Provincial Advocate-approved \$252,000 to cover the cost of salaries benefits for the additional approved complements (1 classified and 5 unclassified) (attachment)
- Audited Financial Statements of the Auditor General for year ended March 31, 2010

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday, November 23, 2010 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Speaker