

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Presidents with members in the Ministry of Economic Development & Trade
All Stewards in the Ministry of Economic Development & Trade

FROM: Brian Gould, OPS Supervisor

DATE: March 24, 2010

SUBJECT: **Ministry of Economic Development & Trade
ERC Minutes – February 10, 2010**

Attached, for your information, are the minutes of the above captioned meeting.

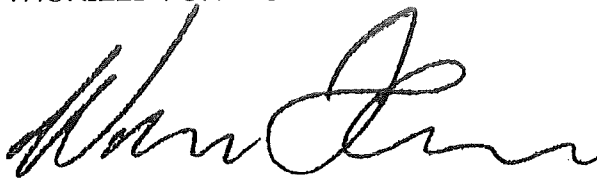
Please post or otherwise make them available to the members in your workplaces.

Also attached is a MERC referral form which should be used when referring unresolved local issues to the ministry level. The referral should be sent care of the Job Security Unit with all the supporting documentation, (e.g. minutes, correspondence, etc.), with any referrals.

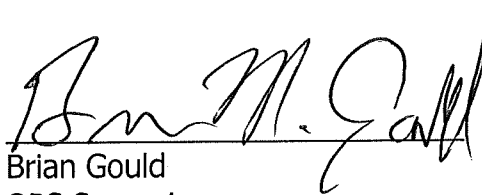
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Warren (Smokey) Thomas
President



Brian Gould
OPS Supervisor

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cc: MERC Chairs
Ministry ERC

**MEDT/MR/MCS
MERC MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 10th, 2010
3rd Floor Boardroom, Service Management & Facilities Branch
900 Bay Street, Toronto**

Present: **Ministry**
Dan Keating, Co-chair
Jaimee Goodman

OPSEU
Ron Langer, Co-chair
Diane Pelletier
Sandra Harper – Job Security Officer
Joe Kavanagh

Absent: Nicholas Wedgwood

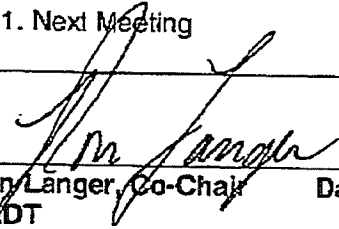
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Business Arising	<p>OPSEU inquired as to whether the MERC meeting schedule can be modified to accommodate a longer union caucus time.</p> <p>Management agreed to OPSEU's request to modify the MERC meeting schedule.</p>	<p>Management to send out a revised MERC meeting schedule.</p>
1. Minutes	<p>The December 2, 2009 minutes were signed off by both parties on January 4, 2010.</p>	<p>Management will post the December 2, 2009 minutes on StaffNet.</p>
B. Business Arising From Minutes		
1. Joint Health & Safety Committee 250 Yonge, 1201 Wilson and 180 Elgin, Ottawa	<p>The CEHSW (Centre for Employee Health, Safety and Wellness) is working with the joint health and safety committees (JHSCs) to assist them in establishing themselves and ensuring that all committee members are trained.</p>	<p>OPSEU MERC will make enquiries with the respective locals in an attempt to provide a health & safety representative for 1201 Wilson Ave., and a JHSC member for 250 Yonge St.</p> <p>Management and OPSEU will follow up with their respective counterparts for a</p>

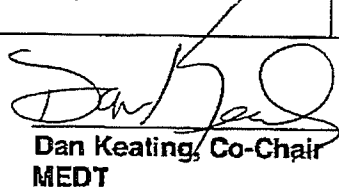
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		JHSC presentation for the next MERC meeting.
2. OPSEU Inclusion Update	OPSEU provided information on the inclusions policy grievance.	
3. Bargaining Unit Percentage of Employment	OPSEU requested that Management continue to provide the breakdown of Bargaining Unit Percentage of Employment report to MERC stating it was not CERC's intention that reports previously being provided be discontinued. A number of Ministry specific reports were cited as examples.	Management will follow up on OPSEU's request.
4. Ontario 2020 Planning the future together conference March 4/5	OPSEU provided an update on the Ontario 2020 Planning the Future Together Conference scheduled for March 4 and 5, 2010.	
5. Rising Gas Prices- Kilometric Rates- OPSEU proposed formula for carpooling	MEDT conveyed OPSEU's suggestion on a new formula for car pooling to the Corporate Policy Working Group. This suggestion was also brought forward through the OPS ideas program and the response was that people have an individual responsibility for helping the environment and keeping costs down.	Remove from the agenda.
6. MCS- Designated Administrative Authorities	OPSEU requested information on the regulatory action that has been taken by the DAAs and inquired as to where that information can be accessed from.	Management will follow up on OPSEU's request.
7. Joint Labour Relations Training- Dec10th Conflict Resolution Training	Management indicated that the Conflict Resolution Training was fully booked until March 31, 2010. The Joint Labour Relations training that the MERC completed December 10, 2009 was discussed.	Management will follow up on MERC participating in Conflict Resolution training in the new fiscal year.

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8. Results Based Planning- EDT, MCS, MRI	Management advised that the 2010/2011 RBP results will be available in and around April 2010. Management confirmed that the results will be disclosed to the MERC team prior to them being posted.	Management will disclose the Rbp results to MERC once they are available.
9. Ontario Emerging Technology Fund – Role of Covington Capital Corporation	Management provided OPSEU with information on the role of Covington Capital Corporation. OPSEU expressed concerns about the privatization of the work and asked for further information including staffing levels.	Management will follow up on OPSEU's request.
10. Bill 187 proposed amendment to TSSA	OPSEU requested information on the proposed amendments to the TSSA.	Management will follow up on OPSEU's request.
C. Standing Items		
1. Active Surplus	Nothing to report.	
2. V.E.O	Nothing to report.	
3. Unclassified Contracts/ Long Term Temporary Assignments	Management provided the report to MERC.	
4. Vacancy Lists		Remove from the Agenda.
D. New Business		
1. Consumer Protection Services Campaign	OPSEU provided information on the Consumer Protection Services Campaign which is charged with protecting public interests.	

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2. Investments Division – Direct Marketing and Lead Generation (New Unit)	<p>OPSEU inquired about the whether a new unit will be created in the Investment Division.</p> <p>Management confirmed that disclosure will be provided once business decisions are made and finalized.</p>	
3. Industrial Development 3 vacancy- Ottawa	<p>OPSEU inquired as to the status of the IDO3 vacancy in Ottawa.</p>	<p>Management will follow up on OPSEU's inquiry.</p>
4. Blackberry/Cell Phone Usage Issue – investigating bills back to 2008, proposed fines	<p>Management indicated that it is the individual branch director's responsibility to ensure that blackberry and cell phones are used responsibly and reasonably.</p> <p>Management confirmed that the blackberry/cell phone review is not a cost recovering exercise.</p>	
5. Privatization – Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters - cost and staffing of SMART program - Yves Landry Foundation (AIME)- cost and staffing of YLF training program - Ontario Chamber of Commerce (EMA) – cost and staffing of the Export Market Access program	<p>OPSEU requested information on the cost and staffing of the SMART, YLF training and Export Market Access programs.</p>	<p>Management will follow up on OPSEU's request.</p>
6. Security Checks, Investigation Unit – MCS	<p>OPSEU expressed concerns with the OPPA's request that 2 employees in MCS undergo a higher level of security clearance in order to conduct security checks on licensees and registrars.</p>	<p>Management will respond to OPSEU on this issue by the afternoon of February 10, 2010.</p>

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E. Next Meeting Date		
1. Next Meeting	The next MERC meeting will be held on May 31st, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.	

 MARCH 23, 2010
 Ron Langer, Co-Chair
 MEDT Dated:

 Mar 23/10
 Dan Keating, Co-Chair
 MEDT Dated:

Attendance Management Thresholds for 2010

Ministry	Thresholds for 2010
Consumer Services	9.1
Economic Development and Trade	6.4
Research and Innovation	6.4