

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: September 16, 2009

SUBJECT: **Ministry of Economic Development & Trade
ERC Minutes – June 9, 2009**

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.

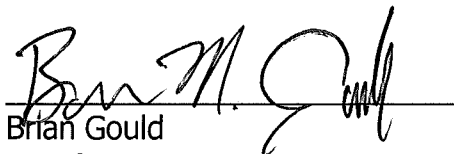
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Warren (Smokey) Thomas
President



Brian Gould
OPS Supervisor

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cc: MERC Chairs
Ministry ERC

**MED/MITI/MSBCS/MRI
MERC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
3rd Floor Boardroom, Service Management & Facilities Branch
900 Bay Street, Toronto**

Present:

Ministry

Dan Keating, Co-chair
Jaimee Goodman
Christina Kucharchuk

OPSEU

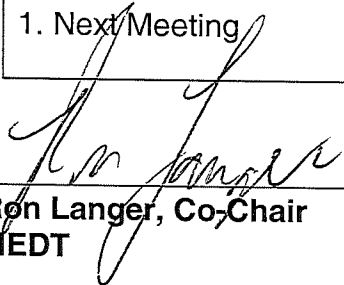
Ron Langer, Co-chair
Diane Pelletier
Sandra Harper – Job Security Officer
Joe Kavanagh
Nick Wedgwood

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Business Arising		
1. Minutes	Co-chairs signed minutes for April 20, 2009 meeting. Minutes will be posted on StaffNet.	Employer to post minutes.
B. Business Arising From Minutes		
1. Joint Health & Safety Committee Updates – 900 Bay St., 777 Bay, 56 Wellesley, 5775 Yonge, 1201 Wilson and 180 Elgin, Ottawa	MED/MITI/MRI/MSBCS Health and Safety Committees were discussed. Management confirmed that 3 JHSCs were fully staffed. Management advised that they are seeking OPSEU members to participate on the JHSC for 5775 Yonge and to serve as a Health & Safety Representative for 1201 Wilson Ave. Management also advised that they are seeking one more Management representative to serve on the JHSC for 900 Bay St., Hearst Block.	Employer will continue to work with Bargaining Agents to have all Joint Health and Safety Committees fully staffed/trained.

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2. Bargaining Unit Integrity Project	OPSEU indicated that the Bargaining Unit Integrity project is continuing.	
3. Employer's ongoing reduction of OPSEU members	Management supplied OPSEU with an updated chart as of March 23, 2009, representing MED, MITI, MSBCS, MRI. The chart indicates OPSEU 46%, AMAPCEO 31%, SMG 13%, MCP 9%, and Excluded 1%.	
4. Article 1.4 Disclosures	Management advised that Article 1.4 Disclosures are the responsibility of the Regional Service Delivery Centres. The RSDCs are to communicate disclosures to the SBU, who will then provide the disclosures to the Bargaining Agents.	
5. Overtime and Travel Time Guidelines – MMAH document	OPSEU proposed posting Overtime and Travel Time Guidelines on Ministry intranet sites to ensure consistent application across the OPS.	Management to look at guidelines on MMAH intranet site and to follow up with Business Planning and Finance regarding training on overtime and travel time.
6. Consumer Protection Services Branch – Payday Loans Unit staffing appointments	Management advised that Payday Loans unit has not begun recruitment.	Management to advise OPSEU once the Pay Day Loans Unit receives approval to proceed with staffing.
7. OPSEU Economic Development Stimulus Committee/Campaign	OPSEU provided information on the OPSEU Economic Development Stimulus Committee and informed management that the summit would likely take place the first week of November.	
8. Sunrise Propane blast and the Ministry's response to the TSSA	OPSEU informed management that the sunrise propane blast issue was recently in the news. OPSEU expressed their opinion that the deregulation of industry needs to be addressed.	OPSEU to forward Consumer Protection Services and Designated Administrative Authorities item to CERC.
C. Standing Items		

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1. Active Surplus	Nothing to report	
2. V.E.O	Nothing to report	
3. Appendix 33 Unclassified Contracts/ Long Term Temporary Assignments	Management presented a list of unclassified employees for the four ministries.	
4. Vacancy Lists	Management advised that as a result of HR Transformation, it is challenging for the SHRBU to report OPSEU vacancies. OPSEU expressed their strong interest in receiving vacancy lists.	Management to examine how vacancies can be reported to OPSEU.
D. New Business		
1. MITI Relocation of nine OPSEU employees from 900 Bay to 250 Yonge	Management advised that approximately 1/3 rd of MITI employees are/will be located at 250 Yonge St.	
2. MSBCS – Theatre Regulation Unit, Consumer Protection Branch – relocation of Six OPSEU employees from 1075 Millwood to 4950 Yonge	Management advised that the relocation of the Theatre Regulation Unit will take place before the end of the calendar year.	
3. MRI Open Call for Expressions of Interest, 2 Senior Advisors – new OTEC Program	OPSEU expressed concern that they were not provided with information on the 2 new Senior Advisor positions and stated that these should be OPSEU bargaining unit positions.	Management to provide OPSEU with a job description for the Senior Advisor position, OTEC.

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5. TICO – Conquest Bankruptcy issue	OPSEU expressed their opinion that more government accountability and oversight is needed.	OPSEU to forward Consumer Protection Services and Designated Administrative Authorities item to CERC.
6. Ministry Organization – MSBCS a) Teleconference with Consultant Linda Hall – April 6 b) Deputy Longo's comments at Staff Day – May 21	OPSEU expressed concern with the lack of synergy between the consultant's findings and the Deputy Minister's message at staff day.	
6. MSBCS Staff Day – Failure to Accommodate special dietary requirements due to budget constraints	OPSEU expressed concern regarding an Employer response to a request for dietary accommodation. Management indicated that there is no budgetary constraint with regards to accommodating dietary requirements.	
7. Rising Gas Prices – need to review kilometric rates	OPSEU discussed the issue of rising gas prices and the need to re-examine kilometric rates. Payment of additional rates when carpooling was suggested as being environmental positive and cost effective.	
E. Next Meeting Date		
1. Next Meeting	The next MERC meeting will be held on September 14, 2009.	


 Ron Langer, Co-Chair
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Dated:

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 Dan Keating, Co-Chair
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Sept 14/09