



Deliberation Phase Meeting Notes

Weekend 6 – April 28 & 29 2007

In Attendance **Members, Public & Staff**

- 100 Assembly members, including the Chair
- 13 Secretariat staff
- 11 small group facilitators
- 9 public observers

Guest Speakers

- The Honourable Marie Bountrogianni, Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal

Advisors & Technical Support

- Evaluator: Lyn McDonell, Institute on Governance
- Facilitation advisor: Beth Allan
- Process advisor: Amy Lang, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Technical support: TV Ontario, Seneca College, Mediaco; Osgoode Hall Law School; Raw Edge Photography;
- Simultaneous translation: International Conference Interpreters

Objectives for Session

- Approve the Assembly's report
- Discuss ways to communicate the Assembly's recommendation
- Hear from the Minister in recognition of the Assembly's work
- Share perspectives on the Assembly experience and ideas for future activities

Proceedings

1. The session began with a presentation by the Chair and approval of meeting notes from the previous session.
2. In medium groups, the members discussed a revised confidential draft of the Assembly's final report.

3. Minister Bountrogianni addressed the Assembly to thank them for carrying out their mandate. The Minister also recognized each member individually.
4. In a plenary session, the members discussed the final report, building on the medium group discussions.
5. In a plenary session, the members discussed activities they could undertake to inform Ontarians about their work and to stay in touch with one another after the Assembly mandate concludes on May 15th.
6. Following a presentation by Barry Koen-Butt, Executive Lead for Communications, the members met in medium groups to share experiences in speaking with the media and to practise answering questions they could expect from members of the public and media.
7. By a show of hands the Assembly agreed to specific changes to the final report and agreed that any further changes would be approved by the Final Report Advisory Committee and the Chair. The Assembly then, by a show of hands, approved the final report.
8. In an open forum, members expressed their perspectives and observations about the Citizens' Assembly experience. In conclusion, the Premier of Ontario attended to informally address the Assembly members and thank them for their commitment.

Follow-up Items

Members

9. The Secretariat will:
 - Advise the members about details for the May 15th event for transmittal of the final report to government
 - Give members copies of the final report, brochure and related materials

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