

Lou Parsons
spearheads
Frank Miller's
leadership bid

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Frank Miller passed GO and collected a chairman, but he's going to pay a lot more for him than \$200.

Miller, who is in the race to become the next Premier of Ontario, began his campaign in the middle of a controversy surrounding the appointment of Mississauga's Lou Parsons as his electoral chairman.

Parsons is currently the chairman of GO Transit, having been appointed by Premier William Davis to a five-year term in 1980. Davis previously appointed Parsons as the Region of Peel's first chairman in 1973. Parsons is also a former town of Mississauga councillor and is currently the president of the Mississauga Board of Trade.

Although Parsons is the chairman of a Crown corporation, he is not legally prevented from participating in partisan politics because he is not considered a full-time employee of the government. He receives a \$5,000 maximum annual salary from Ontario plus a fee of \$125 a day up to a maximum of 100 days a year.

Because of the criticism, Miller has now promised to reimburse government for Parsons' salary during the next three months, when he will be working on Miller's campaign.