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Lou Parsons forced to abandon GO job during Miller campaign

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The continuing controversy over his role in Frank Miller's leadership campaign has forced Mississauga's Lou Parsons to take a leave of absence from his job as chairman of GO Transit.

Opposition members of the Legislature have been questioning the government about Parsons' participation in the leadership campaign, which he is running for Miller. Although civil servants are banned from political campaigning, Parsons is not technically a civil servant. He

was appointed for a five-year term in 1980 and receives a \$5,000 annual retainer plus a \$125-a-day fee to a maximum of 100 days a year for his GO work.

Earlier, Miller offered to pay Parsons' salary during the leadership campaign. But the criticism continued. In a letter, Parsons has asked for a leave of absence until Feb. 1 of next year.

Parsons has his own real estate company in Mississauga and is the former chairman of the Region of Peel.



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