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Donald Fehr, the former executive director of the Major League Baseball Players' Association has been asked to run the union for the NHL's players, [according to a report](#) in this week's SportsBusiness Journal by Liz Mullen.

According to the report, "Fehr, who has helped bring stability to the NHLPA as an unpaid adviser, has not rejected the idea, but he has also not said he would take the job, sources said."

[Fehr was brought on-board in November](#) to help the NHLPA in their search for a replacement at the Exec. Dir. Position after the players fired Paul Kelly, and interim Executive Director Ian Penny stepped down citing poor working conditions with the players. The union has been in a constant state of flux, in many senses since Bob Goodenow was fired in 2005 (for more see [The NHLPA Is Sports' Dysfunctional Stepchild](#) on Sports Bash).

As Mullen adds, Fehr could be the ticket for the NHL players.

Since Fehr stepped in, the chaos at the union has been quelled and little has leaked out of its Toronto offices. Sources said Fehr initially turned down requests by NHL players to take the

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executive director position, but in recent weeks has been considering it.

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