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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator, Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Regional Solicitor  
Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD  
OTTAWA OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 21  
HERON-WALKLEY LANDS**

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Planning and Environment Committee recommend that Regional Council approve that Regional staff attend the upcoming Ontario Municipal Board hearing on Ottawa Official Plan Amendment No. 21 to present a case in favour of this amendment's conformity with the 1988 and 1997 Regional Official Plans.**

### **BACKGROUND**

On 22 January 1997, Regional Council (Planning and Environment Committee Report 50, Item 1) approved a recommendation to provide notice of the Region's decision to approve Ottawa Official Plan Amendment No. 21. O.P.A. 21 would redesignate certain lands in the area of Heron and Walkley from Greenway System Linkage to Residential Area and other lands from Residential Area to Greenway System Linkage. Prior to the end of the 30 day notice period under the *Planning Act* as amended by Bill 163, a referral request was received from Bryan Hawley and 8 others on behalf of the Heron-Walkley Greenspace Coalition. The amendment was deemed to be referred to the Ontario Municipal Board. A pre-hearing will have taken place before the Board on 7 October 1997.

As outlined in the staff report approved by Regional Council, it is the opinion of staff that the amendment conforms to the 1988 Regional Official Plan. Although not addressed in the report, as the General Urban Area designation remains in place in the 1997 Regional Official Plan, it is also the opinion of staff that the amendment conforms to the new Plan.

The question of the Legal Department and the Planning and Development Approvals Department attending any Ontario Municipal Board hearing was not specifically dealt with in the earlier report. Approval from Committee and Council is now therefore sought for staff to appear at the hearing to present the case in favour of the conformity of O.P.A. 21 with the present and new Regional Official Plans.

### CONSULTATION

The public notice and meeting requirements of the *Planning Act* have been satisfied by the City of Ottawa. Notice of the pre-hearing has been given on behalf of the Ontario Municipal Board.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The presentation of the case will be done by staff. Costs for the preparations of any materials for the case will come within the budget for the Legal Department.

*Approved by*  
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