REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON RÉGION D'OTTAWA-CARLETON

REPORT RAPPORT

DATE	25 September 2000
TO/DEST.	Co-ordinator, Planning and Environment Committee Co-ordinator, Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee
FROM/EXP.	Commissioner, Planning and Development Approvals Department
SUBJECT/OBJET	LAND ACQUISITION -NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AREA - CORKERY WOODLANDS - WEST CARLETON

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Planning and Environment Committee recommend the following:

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the acquisition of 98.57 acres located in the Corkery Woodlands Natural Environment Area, described as being part of Lot 14, Concession 8, former Township of Huntley, now Township of West Carleton from Margaret Wynia for a consideration of \$40,500.

BACKGROUND

Regional Council in its approval of the Regional Official Plan, authorized the acquisition of certain properties designated Natural Environment Areas.

The subject property described as being part of Lot 14, Concession 8, Township of West Carleton and consisting of 98.57 acres is located within an area designated as the Corkery Woodlands Natural Environment Area. The property, together with other lands acquired to date by the Region, are shown on the attached sketch.

The property is zoned HL-1 (Hazard Zone). The land is heavily treed with a creek running through it in a westerly direction. The parcel fronts onto Howie Road, east of March Road in the Township of West Carleton. The property was appraised at \$40,000. The appraisal is based on comparable land acquisitions for Natural Environmental Lands in this area. An agreement has been reached in the amount of \$40,500. This figure includes an amount of \$500.00 for legal fees.

CONSULTATION

In the 1960's, governments recognized certain areas where forestry and recreation were major land uses. A program was launched to acquire lands to preserve them for recreation and conservation purposes. The Region inherited a Forest Management Agreement from the County of Carleton and through the years has drafted various long-range plans, with a broad range of public input, to meet the objectives and resolve any conflicts between different user groups. Through amendments to the Official Plan process, the public has been consulted by holding open public forums as well as having regular meetings with special interest groups.

NEW CITY IMPACT

The acquisition of this property will not have any impact on the New City, as funds are budgeted on a yearly basis for the acquisition of lands to protect Natural Environment Areas.

OTTAWA TRANSITION BOARD

In accordance with Ottawa Transition Board Regulation 100/200 - Financial Guidelines #1, Section 5(3)(b) Transition Board approval is not required.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

The RMOC, in adopting its Official Plan, indicated that it was prepared to acquire land in designated Natural Environment Areas, if the landowner wished to sell.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Funds were provided in the 2000 Capital Budget Account No. 900138, Environmental Resources Areas.

CONCLUSIONS

Negotiations with the owner have resulted in an agreement being reached in the amount of \$40,500 which is considered fair and reasonable and the acquisition is hereby recommended for this amount.

Approved by Pamela Sweet for N. Tunnacliffe, MCIP RPP

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