Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity Comité consultatif sur l'équité et la diversité

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Monday, May 8, 2000 - 6:00 p.m. Le lundi 8 mai 2000 - 18 h

Fuller Room, Terrace Level Bytown Pavilion, City Hall

Salle Fuller, Niveau Terrasse Pavillon Bytown, hôtel de ville



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Deadline for material to be included in the next agenda Date limite de présentation des documents à inclure dans le prochain ordre du jour

Should you wish to include an item on the next agenda, please submit the information to the Assistant by **Noon on Monday, May 29, 2000**.

Si vous désirez ajouter un article au prochain ordre du jour, veuillez le faire parvenir à l'adjointe d'ici au **lundi 29 mai 2000, à midi**.

Next Meeting Prochaine réunion

The next regular meeting of the Committee will take place on **Monday**, **June 12**, **2000**, **at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Fuller Room, Bytown Pavilion, Terrace Level, City Hall.

La prochaine réunion ordinaire du Comité aura lieu le **lundi 12 juin 2000, à 18h**, dans la salle Fuller, pavillon Bytown, niveau terrasse, hôtel de ville.

Members' Reports - Enquiries Rapports des membres - demandes de renseignements

Mukhtar Malik, Chairperson/Président

Nathalie Thirlwall, Vice-Chairperson/Vice-présidente

Desmond Doran

Alix Hector

Joan Kabayama

Neil Macmillan

Grace Paciorek

Non-Voting Members Membres sans droit de vote

Councillor/Conseillère Elisabeth Arnold

Surat Turcot

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2. New Municipal Model - Advisory Committee Structure Nouvelle administration municipale - Structure des comités consultatifs

April 17, 2000

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Claude F. Bennett Ottawa Transition Board 111 Lisgar Street Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2L7

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Subject: Environmental Management - New City of Ottawa

Environmental management has important implications for the new City structure. The Environmental Advisory Committee, an advisory body to the City of Ottawa, has reviewed the Work Project areas identified by the Transition Board on March 13, 2000. Our review indicates that environmental management has not been assigned to a specific work group or committee addressing restructuring issues. This is a serious gap that must be addressed during transition planning. Municipalities are key players in the environmental protection arena. Their responsibilities go beyond such issues as waste management, water and sewage treatment and land-use planning. The City of Ottawa created an Environmental Management Branch in 1990 and has since established a solid national and international reputation for innovative and effective environmental management programs. This function is important and unique within the National Capital region. The following briefly highlights some of these programs and outlines issues that should be addressed during the transition planning process.

Climate Change Action Plan

The City of Ottawa is Canada's municipal climate change leader. Municipal action is key in meeting national greenhouse gas reduction targets and Canada's commitments under the Kyoto Protocol. Climate change action at the local level generates and climate change convention and the economic benefits. The City of Ottawa estimates the potential

employment impact of its current climate change action plan initiatives to be over 12,500 person years of employment. This figure includes the potential development of a district energy system and building energy retrofit programs for the commercial/ institutional and residential sectors. In addition, the City of Ottawa has reduced annual building operating costs by \$1 million through improved energy efficiency at no net cost to the corporation. The most recent federal budget ear marks \$125 million for municipal climate change action. The City of Ottawa has partnered with the Region to develop a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan and is well positioned to take advantage of these funds to further develop these programs. Climate Change must continue to be an environmental priority in the new City.

Municipal Environmental Evaluation Process (MEEP)

MEEP applies environmental impact assessment to public and private development projects within the City of Ottawa. MEEP is unique in that in addition to ensuring that environmental impacts identified through applicable federal and provincial legislation are addressed, it ensures that significant environmental impacts at the local level are taken into account during the planning process. As one of the first processes of its kind to be implemented in Canada, Ottawa's MEEP has won several awards and has since been modelled by several other municipalities including Calgary, Waterloo, and Santiago, Chile. Integrating MEEP into the new City structure is important in order to ensure that the environment is protected and that development approvals are not unduly impacted.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

The City of Ottawa is currently developing an IPM strategy and working toward an ecosystem approach to dealing with pest management issues. Most large urban areas in Canada have or are in the process of developing integrated pest management strategies. Although particular elements of IPM exist in other municipalities in the region, no other area municipality currently has an IPM strategy. It must be determined how IPM practices and procedures will apply to all areas within the new City.

Natural and Open Spaces Study (NOSS) and Greenspace Protection

The City of Ottawa recognizes the importance of preserving our remaining natural and open spaces for present and future generations and has undertaken the Natural and Open Spaces Study to provide the technical basis to make informed decisions regarding the future for these areas. The first of its kind in Ontario to incorporate social values into the assessment of natural features, the NOSS evaluated all natural areas and open spaces relative to each other based on application of a series of criteria sets. Based on Study results City Council targeted 57 woodlands and wetlands for protection in December, 1998. Since then, Branch staff have worked with landowners to ensure that 34 of the 57 areas will be protected through conservation area designation and zoning in May, 2000. Widespread political and community support for the Study, it's process, and implementation to date point to its success. Branch staff are fully prepared to bring the expertise from this experience to the new City to fulfill this objective for other developed and developing areas.

Greenway System

The City's Greenway System is a series of 20 corridors designated in the Official Plan consisting of waterways, recreational pathways, and other linear networks that link natural and open spaces throughout the City. This System represents the primary means to sustain and enhance natural processes in the City, while recognizing its role in providing selected corridors for recreational purposes. Natural areas outside the City boundaries within the new City must be integrated into this System, and management plans need to be prepared in consultation with landowners to ensure long-term sustainability.

Sustainability Indicators

The City of Ottawa has developed indicators designed to measure our community's progress toward sustainability. Twenty indicators monitor the social, economic and biophysical health of our City and point to necessary adjustments in policies and programs required in order to move us toward a more sustainable community. Under amalgamation, these indicators need to be expanded to address the entire community. Ottawa also partners with Environment Canada in the development of a national Urban Sustainability Indicators Software program and with Santiago, Chile on indicator development projects.

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)

The City of Ottawa is a member of ICLEI, an organization tasked by the United Nations to implement and promote community-based environmental action. The city has developed its Local Agenda 21 program in response to this challenge. Several of Ottawa's environmental initiatives have been adopted by municipalities around the country and elsewhere in the world. ICLEI has recognized Ottawa's environmental leadership by promoting our programs, and enabling Ottawa to link with other municipalities internationally for partnership initiatives. The City of Ottawa is the only area municipality to hold membership in ICLEI.

In summary, dealing with environmental issues at the local level of government has become increasingly important over the last ten years as other levels of government turn to municipalities to work within the community to effect change. The City of Ottawa has established itself as a leader in municipal environmental action in the region and in Canada. It is requested that a Work Project group or groups be created to deal with these and other important environmental management issues under amalgamation so that the new City will be able to demonstrate leadership in environmental management and promote an enhanced quality of life for its citizens.

I would also like to draw your attention to the City Of Ottawa's use of Advisory Committees. The Advisory Committees are made up entirely of volunteers from the community. It is a great opportunity for people with varying backgrounds on different subject matters to provide some support and assistance to Members of Council. It is a great opportunity for Members of Council to take advantage of the vast resources in the community with no strings attached and at minimal cost. I and my fellow Committee members strongly urge the Transition Board to consider implementing similar Advisory Committees for the new City of Ottawa.

Yours truly,

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Chairperson, Environmental Advisory Committee

cc. Environmental Management Branch Sierra Club Amy Kempster, Federation of Canadian Association and Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital Advisory Committees

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Presentation by:

Lucy Corbin 594 Noble Crescant Ottawa, Ontario - K1V 789

i am here, as a resident and advisory committee member, to ask the transition team to include a structure for citizen advisory committees in the new municipality. As a taxpayer, I am well aware of the value of including citizen actiony committees in the municipal structure. In conjunction with professional staff, these committees are the most effective and cost-efficient way to deliver city services such as heritage, french language, library, taxi and services for the disabled, to name but a few.

The selection of members for citizen advisory committees should be competitive in order to ensure responsible and effective membership. Selection should achieve as diverse a mix as possible with regards to technical expertise, gender, language, race, disability and geographic representation. Terms should be limited in order to provide vigour and an influx of new ideas. Terms should also be staggered in order to provide some continuity. Committees chosen in this manner can contribute a knowledgeable, broad-based perspective to the issues tabled by our elected representatives. Perhaps more uniquely, they allow the average citizen to participate in municipal government. This will be especially critical after amalgamation, as citizens are likely to feel more removed from their local government.

A key to the success of citizen advisory committees is technical and administrative support. This is currently offered through the City Clerk's office at the City of Ottawa. Administrative assistants act as quides through an often confusing bureaucratic process. They provide continuity to an everchanging membership, and ensure the smooth exchange of incoming and outgoing correspondence. They also advise the committees as to their legislated requirements.

You have been charged with the weighty responsibility of building a new city structure. I imagine that you hope to use the best of the existing municipal programs, while discarding or altering the rest. And I believe, passionately, that citizen advisory committees are a great idea which have been successfully implemented by the City of Ottawa. Again, I urge you to incorporate them in the new municipal structure. If one has not already been formed, I would suggest that a working group, such as the ones already in place, be organised to look into the matter. Thank you for your interest.

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Greater Vancouver Citizenship Council

presents a Symposium on

"Citizenship: Challenging Our Youth; Challenging Our Educators"

Saturday, September 25, 1999

9:30 a.m. - 4: 00 p.m. Plaza 500 Hotel, 500 West 12th Ave, Vancouver, B.C.

	A G E N D A
9:30 am	REGISTRATION and coffee
10:00 am	WELCOME - Rudy Spence, President, Greater Vancouver Citizenship Council
	OPENING REMARKS – Bill Day , Citizenship Judge
10:15 am	PANEL DISCUSSION ON CITIZENSHIP: CHALLENGING OUR YOUTHModerator:John Halani, Honorary Consul of Uganda, Chair - Ethno Business Association of BC and Former President - Vancouver Multicultural SocietyPanelists:Natasha Sattaiya, Recipient of Student Good Citizenship Award Megan Paterson, Recipient of Woman of Distinction Award, Vancouver YWCA Angela Kenyon, Chair - Vancouver School Board Parents' Advisory Council
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2:00 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION ON CITIZENSHIP: CHALLENGING OUR EDUCATORSModerator:Kelly Ip. Former Multiculturalism Officer & Citizenship Court ManagerPanelists:Greg Smith, Curriculum Coordinator, Ministry of EducationPatricia Marchak, Recipient of Woman of Distinction Award, Vancouver YWCA, President of Academy of Humanities & Social Sciences, UBC Adam Kozar, Retired Teacher – Burnaby School District No. 41
3:30 pm	SUMMARY – Gerard Bremault, Executive Director, Association of Neighbourhood Houses
3:50 pm	CLOSING REMARKS - Rudy Spence, President, Greater Vancouver Citizenship Council

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING