

Community Services and Operations Committee
Comité des services communautaires et des opérations

Agenda 17
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Wednesday, October 27, 1999 - 9:15 a.m.
Le mercredi 27 octobre 1999 - 9 h 15

Victoria Hall, First Level
Bytown Pavilion, City Hall

Salle Victoria, niveau 1
Pavillon Bytown, hôtel de ville



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October 12, 1999

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Action/Exécution

1. Delegated Authority for Long-Term Purchase of Service Agreements with Four Service Delivery Partners

**Délégation de pouvoir pour les ententes d'achat de services à long
terme avec quatre partenaires chargés de la prestation de services**

Recommendation

1. That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to negotiate and execute the renewal of long-term Purchase of Service Agreements, for the contribution of \$1.00 per year, for the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre for a term to 2016, and for the Carleton Heights Curling Club, Ottawa Rowing Club and the Rideau Canoe Club for a term to 2004.



October 12, 1999 (11:35a)

Janette K. Foo
Commissioner of Community Services



October 15, 1999 (1:57p)

Approved by
John S. Burke
Chief Administrative Officer

GRP:grp

Contact: Grant Peart - 244-5300 ext. 1-4043

Financial Comment

There are no financial implications as a result of City Council approval of this report.



October 15, 1999 (9:30a)

for Mona Monkman
City Treasurer

ML:cds

Executive Report

Reasons Behind Recommendation

On February 19, 1997 City Council approved a report entitled “Delegated Authority for New Purchase of Service Agreements with Service Delivery Partners”. The purpose of that report was to receive approval for this Department to negotiate and enter into initial Purchase of Service Agreements with five groups - Ottawa Gymnastics Centre, Carleton Heights Curling Club, Ottawa Rowing Club, Rideau Canoe Club, and the Ottawa School of Art, so as to recognize them as service providers on behalf of the City rather than as tenants, and to thereby receive exemption of realty taxes as of 1996.

The application to the Assessment Office, to receive exemption of realty taxes, which had been paid up to that point by the City of Ottawa, was successful for four out of five of the groups. The only application that was not approved for exemption, as submitted, was for the Ottawa School of Art. The reason for that was that the Ottawa School of Art operates out of a building not owned by the City, but rather by the N.C.C. The other four groups operate out of facilities and/or properties owned by the City of Ottawa. The Assessment Act stipulates that in order to receive tax exemption, under the Act, the premises must be owned by or be under the jurisdiction of the City.

However, it was determined that the Ottawa School of Art could be deemed as a “non-profit seminary of learning” which, under section 3(1), paragraph 5, of the Assessment Act, is a valid group category that may receive tax exemption. The Office of the City Solicitor proceeded to make application for tax exemption under this section of the Assessment Act, and was successful, receiving notice of tax exemption for the Ottawa School of Art in March, 1999, retroactive to 1996. As of December, 1999 the Ottawa School of Art will be transferred to the 3 Year Core category of the Department’s Cultural Assistance Programme as per City Council approval on March 18, 1998. There is a current lease in effect between the City and the Ottawa School of Art until August 31, 2006. Therefore, a Purchase of Service Agreement is no longer required for the Ottawa School of Art.

The other Purchase of Service Agreements that have resulted in successfully receiving tax exemptions have all expired and this Department is seeking the authority to renew the agreements, to continue to recognize them as service delivery partners with this Department. The four groups recommended in this report for extensions of their POS agreements, receive only the required annual token sum of \$1.00 from the City.

The previously executed agreement of three of the four groups expired on December 31, 1998, while that of the Ottawa Rowing Club expired on December 31, 1997.

In terms of the proposed POS agreement extensions, an attempt is being made to reiterate the duration period of the original agreements, where such a precedent existed. The Ottawa Gymnastics Centre initially entered into a 25 year agreement with the City in 1991. This Department is committed to the relationship with the Gymnastics Centre, and now that the group has received tax exempt status, it is appropriate to renew the next POS agreement with a duration date in accordance with the original agreement, to terminate on December 31, 2016. In the case of the Carleton Heights Curling Club, the Ottawa Rowing Club and the Rideau Canoe Club, where the original agreements contained upcoming expiry dates or had no expiry date, a five year extension is considered a reasonable period, to terminate on December 31, 2004. All three groups are operating to the Department's satisfaction and such extensions would reduce the administrative requirement to continuously renew these specific agreements.

Consultation

All four groups identified in this report have been consulted and concur with Recommendation 1 of this report.

Disposition

The Office of the City Solicitor to draft the new Purchase of Service Agreements for the four groups.

The Commissioner of Community Services to execute the new Purchase of Service Agreements with the four groups.

The Commissioner of Community Services to forward an original copy of the agreements to the City Clerk.

List of Supporting Documentation

Document 1 Draft Purchase of Service Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre (On File with the City Clerk).

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- Document 2 Draft Purchase of Service Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Ottawa and the Carleton Heights Curling Club (On File with the City Clerk).
- Document 3 Draft Purchase of Service Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Rowing Club (On File with the City Clerk).
- Document 4 Draft Purchase of Service Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Ottawa and the Rideau Canoe Club (On File with the City Clerk).