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DATE	17 September 1996
TO/DEST.	Coordinator Community Services Committee
FROM/EXP.	Regional Clerk
SUBJECT/OBJET	GRANTS REQUEST OUTSIDE REGULAR GRANTS PROCESS - CONFERENCE ON CANADA'S CHILDREN ... CANADA'S FUTURE

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee recommend Regional Council approve a grant request of \$5,000 to the Conference on Canada's Children...Canada's Future. Funds are to be provided from the Provision For Unforeseen.

PURPOSE

This report presents a grant request in the amount of \$5,000 for a conference to be held in Ottawa-Carleton in November 1996. An opening reception is planned for November 24th at the National Gallery and the financial contribution will cover the costs relating to the rental of the gallery, speaker costs and non-alcoholic refreshments.

In accordance with the grants outside budget policy, the grant proposal was confirmed by the Regional Clerk to meet the Region's grant criteria. The request was considered by a recommendation panel made up of Claudette Nadon, Director, Child and Adolescent Directorate of the Health Department, Jocelyne St. Jean, Director, Planning and Review of the Social Services Department and Judy Barbeau of the Chief Administrative Office.

BACKGROUND

In 1991, the Child Welfare League of Canada organized and led the first national policy symposium on Canada's Children. This conference helped raise awareness among the public and policy-makers about vital children's issues and created a national voice for children by focusing on several important issues.

This conference aims at raising awareness among the public and policy-makers about vital issues for children and youth including poverty, justice, education and child care. This event will provide our local community with an opportunity to hear feature presentations by prominent international and national speakers on issues that relate to youth while providing insight on the need to invest in our children.

The Conference is co-sponsored by Child Welfare League and the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies but involves many local community groups. The Teachers' Federation, Kids Help Phone and the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-Carleton are involved in bringing together service providers and community leaders, seniors and youth from across the country. The four day Conference in Ottawa-Carleton anticipates an attendance of approximately 800 persons.

CONCLUSIONS - RECOMMENDATION PANEL

The conference will bring many benefits to Ottawa-Carleton one of which is the promotion of the "Child Friendly Ottawa" program. The program will result in a significant presence of children and youth promoting the city, the child friendly initiative and service as volunteers and ambassadors. It will enhance the need for all Canadians to invest in our youth to ensure long-term social and economic prosperity

As this will promote partnerships locally, provincially and nationally, between business, labour, non-profit organizations, seniors and government, the Panel recommends that the Conference receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

A public consultation process is not applicable for individual grant requests.

CONCLUSION

The theme is one that supports the Region's mandate to promote the health and well-being of children and youth. In addition to economic contributions there will be publicity for our Region and knowledge acquired on current and future needs of our youth.

*Approved by
M. J. Woollam*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available from the 1996 Provision for Unforeseen.

*Approved by Tom Fedec
on behalf of Finance Commissioner*

