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TO/DEST.                 Coordinator,  
                               Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP.               Regional Solicitor

SUBJECT/OBJET         **MOTION FROM JUNE 27, 1996 MEETING**

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### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Community Services Committee receive this report for information.**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide a legal opinion concerning the appropriate procedural approaches to be undertaken with respect to a notice of motion arising out of the June 27, 1996 Committee meeting.

### **BACKGROUND**

During the course of the last Community Services Committee meeting, notice was given with respect to the following motion to be addressed at the July 18, 1996 meeting of the Committee:

- (3)     That the Community Services Committee change its regular meeting time to 1:30 p.m. commencing in September, 1996.

This motion may be addressed by reference to the Procedure By-law, as outlined below.

### **PROCEDURAL ANALYSIS:**

Pursuant to subsection 68(1)(a) of the Procedure By-law, the “regular meetings of Committees shall be at such time and such place as shall be determined by Council”.

On December 7, 1994, Regional Council established a 3:00 p.m. start time for all meetings of standing committees. In order for this third motion to avoid being held to be an improper reconsideration of a matter previously decided, it would have to proceed to Regional Council and receive a positive vote of three-quarters at both Committee and Council - thus effectively waiving the Rules of Procedure. In this respect, it is suggested that the third motion be amended as follows:

- (3) That the Community Services Committee and Regional Council waive the Rules of Procedure in order to change the regular meeting time of the Community Services Committee meeting to 1:30 p.m. commencing September, 1996.

In the alternative, the matter may be considered once again by Regional Council if the motion comes forward with new information sufficient to convince the Chair that there is some possibility that the Council could come to a different conclusion based on this new information.

This report is respectfully submitted.

*Approved by Donald W. Wilson  
on behalf of J. Douglas Cameron"*

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