

## MINUTES

### CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON

### CHAMPLAIN ROOM

01 APR 1997

3:00 P.M.

#### PRESENT

Chair: P. Clark

Members: B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, A. Loney, B. McGarry, W. Stewart,  
R. van den Ham

#### REGRETS

M. Bellemare

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee confirm the Minutes of the 04 March 1997 meeting.**

CARRIED

#### POSTPONEMENTS AND DEFERRALS

##### FINANCE \ LEGAL

1. ADMINISTRATION  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGE APPEAL  
RIDEAU/CHAPEL TOWERS  
(Deferred from the Committee meeting of 04 Mar 97)
  - Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 17 Mar 97
  - Joint Finance Commissioner and Regional Solicitor's report dated 18 Feb 97
  - Draft Minute Extract 04 March 1997

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Notes: 1. Underlining indicates new or amended recommendations approved by Committee.  
2. Reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 09 Apr 97 in Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report Number 57.

Councillor van den Ham stated he could not support the staff recommendation that development charges be applicable. The Councillor noted the appeal was for the re-development of a site and was similar to the 207 MacLaren Street appeal previously considered by Committee. Councillor van den Ham explained there was a reduction in units and residents resulting in a reduced demand on regional services. He suggested no development charges be applicable as there was no growth associated with the project.

T. Marc, RMOC Solicitor, explained the staff position of the 4 to 1 ratio was appropriate, however, noted the Committee and Council did not accept that advise with a similar appeal heard on 4 Mar 97. Mr. Marc stated an offer of a reduced amount was presented by the Solicitor for 172859 Canada Inc.

Moved by R. van den Ham

**That Regional Development Charges not be applicable to the re-development of the Rideau Wing of Rideau/Chapel Towers.**

LOST

YEAS: B. Hill, B. McGarry, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham .... 4  
NAYS: P. Hume, G. Hunter, A. Loney, P. Clark .... 4

Moved by A. Loney

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council confirm that Regional Development Charges be payable by 172859 Canada Inc. in respect of Rideau/Chapel Towers in the amount of \$30,000.**

CARRIED  
(R. van den Ham dissented)

REGULAR ITEMS

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

*ENVIRONMENT*

2. PREDESIGN REPORT FOR LEMIEUX ISLAND AND BRITANNIA WATER PURIFICATION PLANTS - UPS AND GROUNDING STUDY - CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT CONTRACT NO. CC-7608  
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 25 Feb 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of Wood, Banani & Associates Ltd., Ottawa, to undertake a study of the existing Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) and grounding systems at the Lemieux and Britannia Water Purification Plants for a total contract provision of \$60,600.00.**

CARRIED

*TRANSPORTATION*

3. MICHAEL STREET SNOW DISPOSAL FACILITY  
CONSULTANT VARIATION

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 10 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve a scope change in the assignment with Robinson Consultants Inc., Kanata, for the engineering services for the Michael Street Snow Disposal Facility - Engineering and Environmental Review, in the amount of \$56,500.00 (including GST), bringing the revised total contract provision to \$476,500.00.**

CARRIED

4. PLAZA BRIDGE  
ENGINEERING SERVICES

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 21 Feb 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the next phase of the assignment to McNeely Engineering Consultants Limited, Kanata, for the Plaza Bridge project, that being engineering services for detailed design and contract preparation, in the amount of \$1,050,000 (G.S.T. included), bringing the revised contract total to \$1,350,000.**

CARRIED

5. WELLINGTON STREET REHABILITATION, PHASE II  
50M WEST OF KENT STREET TO O'CONNOR STREET  
CONTRACT NO.: 96-503 - CONTRACT AWARD

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 26 Feb 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the award of Contract 96-503, Wellington Street Rehabilitation, Phase II, 50 m west of Kent Street to O'Connor Street, to Taggart Construction Limited, Ottawa, for a total contract provision of \$4,070,762.73, with an estimated amount of \$1,864,364.32 to be reimbursed from various associated agencies.**

CARRIED

HEALTH

6. WORLD CONFERENCE ON BREAST CANCER  
- Community Services Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 24 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the attendance of Councillor D. Holmes at the World Conference on Breast Cancer to be held in Kingston, Ontario, July 13 to 17, 1997.**

CARRIED

FINANCE

7. CONTRACT AWARD  
INVESTMENTS - CUSTODY SERVICES  
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 14 Mar 97

Councillor Hill inquired how many staff would be reduced or how much money saved by having the Royal Bank of Canada provide the custody services for investments. J. LeBelle, Finance Commissioner, referenced the financial savings and implications as outlined in the report. Mr. LeBelle acknowledged they were somewhat minimal, however, provided opportunities to save substantially on administrative costs and would allow staff to re-direct their efforts to more productive endeavours. Mr. LeBelle referenced the objectives outlined in the report and the critical need for the Region to have this service. He noted the estimated net benefit would be \$19,000 annually. In closing, Mr. LeBelle explained this shift would allow staff to more closely monitor the markets and be up-to-date on the best use of cash which is critical when administrating a \$500 million investment portfolio.

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the award of a contract to Royal Bank of Canada to provide custody services, including safekeeping, trade settlement services and securities lending services for a two year period at an estimated annual cost of \$31,600.**

CARRIED

8. CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT -  
FINANCIAL SYSTEMS RENEWAL  
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 23 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of KPMG Consultants, Ottawa, Ontario, to provide consulting services to the Corporate Financial Systems Renewal Project, for a total contract provision of \$184,000, exclusive of GST.**

CARRIED

9. AUTOMATED WATER ARREARS CERTIFICATE  
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 24 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the undertaking of an agreement for the provision of an automated water arrears certificate service with Synamics Inc., 180 Renfrew Drive, Markham, Ontario.**

CARRIED

(G. Hunter dissented)

10. BILL 98 - DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT, 1996  
SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT  
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 23 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve of the submission of the attached *Regional Treasurers Discussion Paper* to the Clerk of the Standing Committee on Resources Development and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as Council's response to Bill 98.**

CARRIED

11. PUBLIC HEARING APPEARANCE  
BILL 106 - FAIR MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT, 1997  
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 23 Mar 97

Councillor Loney referenced the business assessment and noted the implications for landlords and tenants were immense. He inquired if a communication strategy was in place to notify the industry. Mr. LeBelle agreed and stated Recommended Comment No. 2 outlined the need for the Province to design a comprehensive communication strategy to

educate and inform taxpayers and municipal councils regarding the proposed changes to the property tax and assessment system. Councillor Loney expressed concern in that the Province may not communicate this change, and stated he hoped the Region would generate some public notice to ensure that it be made known.

Councillor Hume referenced Recommended Comment No. 5 in which Council acknowledged the Province had as an objective, the delegation and consolidation of tax policy setting and related matters to the upper tier level of municipal government, however did not transfer tax billing administration to the upper tier. Councillor Hume recommended a stronger statement be made, that the Province go a step further and transfer tax billing administration to the upper tier, given the strong link between the policy and administration issues.

Chair Clark stated the *Fair Municipal Finance Act* was designed to delegate the mill rate setting authority to the Region and did not believe the issue of transferring the tax billing administration function would be included in Bill 106.

Councillor Hume noted Recommended Comment No. 5 referred to tax billing administration and suggested the statement be stronger to allow the migration of administration from the lower tier to the upper tier.

Councillor Hunter referenced Council's recognition that the current system on a Province-wide basis was dysfunctional, however, suggested the proposed system had the potential for tax wars and tax anarchy across the Province as the amount of discretion allowed to municipalities increased.

Mr. LeBelle agreed the possibility existed with the proposed legislation and the move to the municipal level. He stated there could be lengthy, complex and difficult deliberations undertaken by all municipal councils with respect to the tax policy which could result in a number of different mill rates.

Councillor Hunter suggested this may cause further problems in competing with other jurisdictions on the tax rates in order to entice the commercial and business sector to our Region. The Councillor did not believe the Province should allow municipal councils to be placed in those positions.

Mr. LeBelle explained that as the new tax burden amongst the various classes was allocated after the mega week announcement, there would be some very difficult decisions to be made by municipal councils. However, on a positive note, Mr. LeBelle explained the legislation was generally permissive and provided municipalities with the autonomy to make decisions with respect to tax policy that best suit the particular community.

Councillor Cullen referenced the significant shifts if the business occupancy tax was eliminated and inquired how much money that represented in Ottawa-Carleton. Mr. LeBelle agreed to supply the information prior to Council.

Councillor Cullen inquired if the business occupancy tax would be rolled into the commercial mill rate. Mr. LeBelle stated staff must wait to obtain all information and further guidance from the Province before making proposals, but agreed that logically that could be the first conclusion, rather than another class picking up the difference.

Councillor Cullen concurred with Councillor Loney in that the information be communicated to the public.

Chair Clark stated the comments were on speculation until the Province provided information on the mega week announcement. The Chair pointed out the report approved staff present some comments on technical issues and suggested it may be useful that Council produce some of the political down sides, maintaining the separation.

Kent Kirkpatrick, Deputy Treasurer, explained the Province would calculate what share of the total tax burden was currently being borne by the property classes that they were going to implement under the new Act in Ottawa-Carleton. He stated the residential property class would be the benchmark, and it was the Province's expectation that the current burden that the non-residential classes would have of the residential classes would be outside of the tax ratio bands. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated Council would not have the ability to increase the disparity in the burdens, only have the ability to reduce the disparity in the burdens between those property classes.

Chair Clark agreed the shifts would pose real concerns, in particular for the business community owning commercial real estate. The Chair agreed the public needed more information, however, it must come from the Province first before the Region was in the position to communicate it. Chair Clark agreed there was a political side to the issue and suggested something could be prepared for Council to consider in conjunction with the staff report.

Moved by P. Hume

**That the last sentence of Recommended Comment No. 5 (last page of staff report) be amended to read:**

**Council *urges the Province to take the further step of transferring tax billing administration to the upper tier, given the *strong* link between tax policy and administration issues.***

CARRIED as amended  
(B. Hill and G. Hunter dissented)

The Committee considered the staff report as amended by the above.

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve:**

1. **That the last sentence of Recommended Comment No. 5 (last page of staff report) be amended to read: “Council *urges the Province to take the further step of transferring tax billing administration to the upper tier*, given the *strong link between tax policy and administration issues*.”**
2. **Of the appearance of the Finance Commissioner at the Public Hearing on Bill 106, scheduled for the weeks of April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, to provide the comments listed in this report, as amended, as Council’s response to the proposed legislation.**

CARRIED as amended  
(G. Hunter dissented)

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

12. **RECOMMENDED SITE FOR A NEW/EXPANDED  
CONVENTION CENTRE FOR OTTAWA-CARLETON**

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner’s report dated 21 Mar 97

N. Tunnacliffe, Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner, introduced the members of the Convention Centre Steering Committee present as Steve Kelly, Ottawa-Carleton Economic Development Corporation, Leslie Miller, Ottawa Tourism and Convention Authority and Jean Pigott, Congress Centre.

Mr. Tunnacliffe provided a history of the project and reviewed the direction to staff to select a site and the process that followed. The Commissioner reviewed the strategic and detailed site criteria and performance criteria as outlined in the report. Mr. Tunnacliffe explained the Steering Committee developed an evaluation matrix which was derived from the criteria in the guidelines. In summary, Mr. Tunnacliffe reviewed the site analysis and evaluation for each proposal. He stated the Steering Committee believed the Viking Rideau site was superior, however, pointed out the Committee was mandated to select the most preferred site. Mr. Tunnacliffe reviewed the next steps of the project and the public and private partnerships required for financing.



Councillor van den Ham inquired why staff were recommending only one proposal be pursued. The Councillor stated there were more components that should come into play, such as financing, design, and costs. Councillor van den Ham suggested the report was restrictive and stated he planned on moving a motion that allowed both proposals to be further reviewed. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated both time and money were key factors in continuing with two proposals, in that the infrastructure program raised a time concern and negotiations with two proponents would require more time and money on both staff and the proponents behalf.

Councillor Hume inquired when the complete package outlining the entire picture would be before Committee. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated the next report would provide information on financing, design and funding sources and believed it could be completed over the summer months and considered by Committee in the fall, depending on the success of the negotiations. Speaking to Recommendation No. 2 and funding sources, Mr. Tunnacliffe stated retail, parking and the hotel would provide revenue and discussed as part of the negotiations.

Councillor Hunter referenced Recommendation No. 2 and the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program. The Councillor inquired on other regional priorities and projects under that program. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated that if there was a second infrastructure program, Council would have the opportunity at that time to decide on the priorities.

Councillor McGarry noted that other infrastructure projects may be determined necessary, however, may not have the same revenue and economic benefits associated with them.

Councillor Cullen pointed out the report did not include financial information and inquired on the estimated cost of the convention centre. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated the entire project and issues such as a parking garage, linkages, etc. would require further review before costs could be determined.

Councillor Cullen referenced the previous Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program and noted funding was divided between the three governments equally, noted that on a \$100 million, the Region's obligation would be \$33 million. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated there were other potential funding sources to be involved. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated the project could be viewed as a publicly financed project in which the private sector contributed, or a private sector driven and financed project to which the public sector would contribute.

Councillor Cullen explained he could support the project if it was private sector driven that attracted in the senior levels of government that would benefit from the centre. The Councillor noted the Region did not collect the significant sales or income tax to be derived, and noted the property tax contribution would be significantly lower.

Councillor Loney expressed concern with eliminating one of the two proposals. The Councillor inquired if the process could be continued with both proponents, that a financial solution may be discovered. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated that was possible, however, noted the greater financial benefit and potential did come from the Viking Rideau proposal. With regard to combining the proposals, Mr. Tunnacliffe stated it was considered by the Committee but deemed not feasible and up to the proponents to pursue.

Mr. Tunnacliffe re-emphasized the report recommended the preferred site. He reported the Selection Committee considered splitting the hotel from the Viking Rideau site and constructing it on the Minto site, however, stated it would become relatively distant from the trade centre.

Councillor Stewart inquired if there was any risk to the Region as a result of the connection between Viking Rideau and Eaton Corporation. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated it was his understanding the Eaton Corporation was a retail arm only, with no other connections.

Chair Clark expressed concern with the Viking Rideau proposal in that it was a four storey facility with the main convention rooms on the fourth floor. The Chair referenced other issues such as access for charter buses, trucks, and loading docks. Chair Clark inquired if there was a criteria that the centre should have its own visibility. Mr. Tunnacliffe confirmed that was in the evaluation criteria in which the Minto Development proposal was superior in that respect.

Chair Clark referenced the report and stated elements such as structure, ownership, and proposed financing and qualifications were not included. Mr. Tunnacliffe stated they were not considered in terms of criteria to determine the site. The Chair expressed some concern in that more information on financing was not included.

The Committee heard from the following public delegations.

Mr. Roger Greenberg, President, Minto Development Inc. Mr. Greenberg stated in the fall of 1996, he was quoted by the media as saying "if the Viking Rideau site was determined to be superior than the Minto site, they would sit back and applaud". Mr. Greenberg stated they still stood by that statement today. However, he did not believe the report made the case that the Viking Rideau proposal was superior, in that the report was inadequate and did not allow Committee to make an objective and knowledgeable decision. Mr. Greenberg reviewed the "Guidelines for Detailed Submissions of Interest" and the criteria and guidelines considered. He stated a number of those criteria were omitted from the report, and suggested the report simply stated which proposal ranked higher without indicating rationale or the degree of superiority or significance.

Mr. Greenberg continued to explain there was little discussion on the quality of the design and the qualifications of each proponent. He indicated the Minto submission had a first class focus for conventions and was developed with the single minded purpose of providing the best facility for the convention trade.

Speaking to their proposal, Mr. Greenberg stated Minto supplied detailed analysis, as requested, on their development team for design and construction as well as documentation that the proponent had financial capability to undertake the project. However, the speaker pointed out the report did not reference this.

In closing, Mr. Greenberg suggested the Selection Committee concluded to choose the most convenient site with the design and developer to be decided on later. Mr. Greenberg emphasized the Minto proposal was first rate which would see the construction of the facility Ottawa-Carleton would be proud of and allow the Region to compete effectively in the marketplace. Mr. Greenberg observed the report did not assist Committee to analysis the six main criteria established for evaluating the submissions.

Mr. Peter Bowie, President, Ottawa Association and Exhibition Managers. Mr. Bowie commended Council for their work to date on the project and urged that it continue. He reviewed the beneficial effects of the facility, such as property taxes, business generated, and employment. Mr. Bowie pointed out the facility would bring money from outside Ottawa into the economy and would positively effect the cash flow. Mr. Bowie stated the Association could not recommend between the two proposals, however, expressed concerns surrounding parking, linkages, access and distance, all which must be taken seriously and further addressed.

Mr. David McNichol. Mr. McNichol stated he viewed economic development in a different and broader fashion than currently practised at the City and Region. He stated it was important to consider the sustainability of the investments and believed it was a question of values.

Councillor Stewart inquired if the Steering Committee's evaluation analysis could be made public to provide rationale to the proponents for the selection. Chair Clark believed it could not be made public in that it was proprietary information, however, suggested the Committee could be given some information to ensure and understand the rationale used.

Chair Clark reviewed the KPMG study which stated there was a need for enhanced convention centre facilities in Ottawa-Carleton. He noted convention / tourism was one of the fastest growing industry in the world and reviewed some of the newer facilities constructed across Canada. The Chair stated these facilities were build on the basis that they generated business, tourism, conventions, and provided a return within the community and economy. Chair Clark reviewed past tourism in Ottawa-Carleton and

stated many returned in other forms, such as investors, workers, residents or tourists. The Chair emphasized the facility was a critical investment in the economy and stated the capital side was affordable by the Region if Council wished to pursue. With regard to the current Congress Centre, the Chair indicated it was planned to lose \$1 million per year when built, however, recently showed a modest surplus. The Chair reported that in one year the convention business generated an overall economic impact of approximately \$143 million, in addition to taxes paid. Chair Clark reviewed the necessity for the Region to market as an export oriented economy, and noted the convention business was an industry that provided entry level jobs and allowed Ottawa-Carleton to become part of the circuit across the nation.

Speaking to the report, Chair Clark did not believe he could support one site over another as he did not have enough information. He stated issues such as financing, design, marketability and functionality had to be addressed and pursued. In terms of financing, the Chair reported capital costs were only one factor and were paid only once. He reviewed the revenue generated that would cover most capital maintenance required. In closing, Chair Clark stated there were sources of funds to be considered in context and the project was an economic investment in the Region.

Councillor McGarry reiterated the benefits of the convention centre and the current Rideau Centre, particularly in taxes, employment and construction. The Councillor noted the two were a true partnership that required each others existence. Councillor McGarry suggested that even if the centre operated at a deficit for some time, the spin off benefits would over play the deficit. Speaking to the project, Councillor McGarry stated the vision must not be narrow and the opportunity was ideal. In closing, Councillor McGarry expressed disappointment that Action Sandy Hill did not have a representative present to explain their concerns outlined in their letter, in particular with the magnitude of the project. In reference to the Eaton concern raised by Councillor Stewart, the Councillor suggested it be explored and confirmation be sought.

Councillor van den Ham suggested the Minto Development Inc. proposal was being dismissed prematurely and believed the Committee did not have the necessary information to decide on one site over the other. The Councillor reviewed his motion in that "negotiations" be amended to "discussions" with both proponents. In addition, the Councillor moved that staff prepare a comprehensive report on both proposals to include design, costs, economic viability, financing and benefits to the Region. In closing, Councillor van den Ham did not support approving one site when there were more components such as financing and design to evaluate to make a total package.

Councillor Hunter referenced the KPMG study and stated the current centre covered 85% of the market, however, the proposed centre would only capture an additional 2% of the market, yet costing \$100 million public dollars. The Councillor stated there were more appropriate ways to spend the funds than going after the marginal extra share of 2%.

Councillor Hunter referenced the Pay-As-You-Go long term financial plan established in the 1980's which created the current decrease in high debt and tax rates. The Councillor stated this plan was created not to spend on another project of this kind, but with the intention of putting the Region's finances on strong footing and paying a benefit back to the taxpayer with lower taxes. Councillor Hunter did not believe the Region could afford the project and suggested the strategy of Pay-As-You-Go continue.

In referencing the Eaton space, Councillor Hunter suggested should it become vacant, it might serve a more appropriate convention centre facility as it was directly linked to the existing facility. The Councillor concurred with Councillor van den Ham that should the project continue, both proposals should be continued to be considered.

Councillor Hill referenced the current Congress Centre deficit and expressed fear that the proposed centre would operate for many years on a deficit, and stated she could not support a project that would lose money. In speaking to the restructuring issue and impact of mega week announcements, Councillor Hill did not support the project and expenditure at this time.

Councillor Hume spoke to other infrastructure projects and public priorities, and the need to seek out all funding sources other than the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program. The Councillor hoped there were private sector opportunities that would share in the expense and risk. Speaking to Recommendation No. 2, Councillor Hume reported the need to research and consider all funding sources and private sector opportunities and partnerships. The Councillor moved a replacement to Recommendation No. 2 requesting staff identify all funding sources with the highest priority being given to securing private sector funding or a private sector partner. In closing, Councillor Hume stated the package must be innovative and allow for confidence in the project.

Chair Clark expressed concern with Councillor Hume's motion in that it was premature. He believed it was necessary to be further along the design and function stage before funding partners could be confirmed. The Chair stated there was affordability, however, concurred the revenue and expenditure lines had to balance.

Councillor Loney referenced the capital contribution, however, stated the more important question was the annual cost to operate the facility. He stated the Steering Committee was not requested to review that component at this time, but that it was necessary to continue and development the proposals to determine the cost per year, negative or positive impact re tax dollars, and plan for capital costs. In addition, the Councillor stated the need to look at the benefits and offset of the facility. Councillor Loney acknowledged some would be critical of the cost to the Region and taxpayer, however, referenced the Region's leadership role in economic development. In closing, Councillor Loney expressed support for the van den Ham amendments in order to further pursue the research, options and prepare a solid plan needed to achieve the best facility.

Councillor McGarry suggested it was the appropriate time to pursue the project in order to create employment and generate some economic benefit to the community. Speaking to the deficit of the current Congress Centre, Councillor McGarry pointed out the shortfall over the last ten year period constituted less than 1.9% of all taxes paid at the Rideau Centre, a key partner of the Congress Centre.

Councillor Stewart reported she did not have enough information to make an informed decision and requested further information on the necessity and value issue. The Councillor stated she lacked the large picture and noted it was difficult to analyse private sector proposals without reviewing the proposals or evaluation analysis. Councillor Stewart supported the project be reviewed in the context of other Regional priorities and suggested the project would sell itself once all information was obtained and presented.

Chair Clark reviewed the staff recommendations and motions put forward.

Moved by P. Hume

**That Staff Recommendation No. 2 be replaced by the following:**

- 2. Authorize staff to identify all funding sources with the highest priority being given to securing private sector funding or a private sector partner for the proposed convention centre.**

Moved by P. Clark

**That the Hume motion be amended to delete the words “given to securing”.**

CARRIED as amended  
(P. Hume dissented)

Moved by G. Hunter

**That further discussions on this project be terminated.**

LOST

YEAS: B. Hill, G. Hunter .... 2

NAYS: A. Loney, B. McGarry, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham, P. Hume,  
P. Clark .... 6

Moved by R. van den Ham

**That Staff Recommendation No. 3 be amended to read:**

3. **Authorize staff to enter into *discussions* with the Viking Rideau Corporation and Minto Development Inc. with respect to building a proposed convention centre;**

**That a Recommendation No. 4 be added to read:**

4. **Direct staff to prepare a report (package) on the Viking Rideau Corporation and Minto Development Inc. proposals including design, costs, economic viability, financing and benefits to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.**

CARRIED as amended  
(B. Hill dissented)

Moved by A Loney

**That Report Recommendation No. 1 be deleted.**

CARRIED

The Committee then considered the recommendations as amended.

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:**

1. **Approve that Report Recommendation No. 1 be deleted;**
2. **Authorize staff to identify all funding sources with the highest priority being private sector funding or a private sector partner for the proposed convention centre;**
3. **Authorize staff to enter into *discussions* with the Viking Rideau Corporation and Minto Development Inc. with respect to building a proposed convention centre;**

- 4. Direct staff to prepare a report (package) on the Viking Rideau Corporation and Minto Development Inc. proposals including design, costs, economic viability, financing and benefits to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.**

CARRIED as amended  
(B. Hill and G. Hunter dissented)

13. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION  
SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE  
2505 ST. LAURENT BOULEVARD  
- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 03 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve a five-year lease agreement with Equis Group 12 Inc/Equis Group 14 Inc. for 24,878 square feet of office accommodation located at 2505 St. Laurent Blvd., in the City of Ottawa at an annual cost of approximately \$510,000, including GST.**

CARRIED

14. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY  
1140-1150 HUNT CLUB ROAD, CITY OF OTTAWA  
- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 12 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council:**

- 1. Declare the property described as being part of Lot 6, Concession 3, Rideau Front, formerly Township of Gloucester, now City of Ottawa, and shown as Part 1, Plan 4R-11051, surplus to Regional needs;**
- 2. Approve the sale of Part 1, Plan 4R-11051 to 1085068 Ontario Inc., for the amount of \$75,000.00 pursuant to an agreement of Purchase and Sale that has been received.**

CARRIED



REGIONAL CLERK / CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

15. MID-TERM REVIEW OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS

- Joint Chief Administrative Officer and Regional Clerk's report dated 24 Mar 97

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve:**

1. **The creation of a three-member Citizens' Remuneration Review Panel to examine the workings of Regional Government based on the experience over the past two years of operation with a directly-elected Council, in accordance with the Terms of Reference at Annex A;**
2. **Instruct the Citizens' Panel to report back to the Member Services Committee no later than 30 May 1997, for submission to the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council by the end of June 1997;**
3. **Delegate authority for the selection of the Panel to the Member Services Committee;**
4. **Direct that this review be conducted in accordance with the Region's Public Consultation Policy;**
5. **Any adjustment to the compensation and support for Members of Council be effective for the term of Council from December 1, 1997 to November 30, 2000.**

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

16. REQUEST BY COUNCILLOR R. CANTIN  
FOR USE OF ANDREW HAYDON HALL - 24 MAY 1997  
- Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 24 Mar 97

*Mr. Clarence Dungey, representing Elegant Settings.* Mr. Dungey expressed his support for Councillor Cantin's request to use the Council Chambers for his wedding ceremony, and further suggested the general public be permitted to use the chambers for the same purpose. Mr. Dungey believed there may be a minimal interest to use the facility for the following reasons:

- location is non traditional with historical ties to many citizens;
- surrounding hotels and bed and breakfasts within walking distance;
- festivities held within the building or outside on the grounds;
- on site food outlet or other food outlets nearby; and
- multiple choices for internal and external pictures.

In closing, Mr. Dungey requested the Committee to grant the request and in doing so allow the general public to use the chambers in conjunction with the rest of the building and grounds for wedding ceremonies.

Councillor McGarry referenced catering and banquet accommodations and inquired on the consequence of competition with neighbouring facilities such as the Lord Elgin. Mr. Dungey acknowledged the concern, however, suggested those wishing to hold their ceremony in the building were doing so because of a specific, personal reason. He did not believe it would be a major competition for others which were highly booked throughout the season.

Councillor Cullen inquired what the charge would be and what it covered. R. Dolan, Director, Information and Public Affairs, responded the fee for the Council Chambers was \$165.00 with additional related costs for such things as a technician, clean up, etc. Mr. Dolan stated the Council Chambers had been restricted in use and generally food was not allowed in the chambers. Mr. Dolan confirmed over the years there had been community events held in the Council Chambers where minor changes in set up occurred, as provided by the user. In closing, Councillor Cullen expressed his support to adopt a public policy for use of the Council Chambers for this purpose as it is a public facility such as City Hall.

Speaking to the ceremony alone, Councillor Stewart inquired if there was any risk, liability or associated reason not to allow the request. Mr. Dolan stated the current policy related to the use of the space for community and municipal events and services, rather than personal use. He noted approval of the request would require a change in policy. Mr. Dolan stated there had never been an exception made in the past or wedding held in the building.

Councillor McGarry referenced the holding of receptions in the facility and noted the building was heavily subsidized by the taxpayer. Speaking to competition with other facilities, Mr. Dolan stated the original Council position was firmly not to be in competition with the private sector. He reported when the building first opened, there was a large interest in using the space so the policy was developed. Mr. Dolan stated if the policy was to be amended, it would be necessary to review the prices charged as they were based on 1991-1992 rates. Mr. Dolan also noted it would not be possible for staff to book the facilities too far in advance as wedding and receptions usually are, as the space must be provided to other events on priority.

Councillor Hill expressed her support for Councillor Cantin's request, however, concurred with Councillor McGarry's comments on competition with the private sector should the policy be opened up to the general public.

Councillor Stewart also expressed her support for the marriage ceremony held in the chambers, but did not believe it was appropriate that Councillors be exempt and allowed to use the facility, and the public not. The Councillor believed it was an appropriate venue for the public as the purpose of the room symbolized such values as duty, honour and commitment, similar values of marriage. Speaking to catering and receptions, Councillor Stewart did not support competition with the private sector.

Chair Clark concurred that it was not appropriate to compete with the private sector. He agreed it was appropriate to be married at Regional Headquarters, however, stated the issue was to use the Council Chambers which required Committee permission as it was outside the current policy. He believed if the user ensured the costs were covered, the request should be granted for anyone.

Councillor van den Ham stated the discussion has referred to the creation of a policy for use of the Council Chambers for the public. The Councillor expressed concern on where the line would be drawn on what types of events would be permitted and noted the Region should not be in any competition with other facilities. Councillor van den Ham believed the use of the Council Chambers should remain under the current policy.

Moved by B. Hill

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve this request from Councillor R. Cantin for the use of Andrew Haydon Hall (Council Chambers) on 24 May 1997, and request a staff report regarding the use of Andrew Haydon Hall by the general public for marriage ceremonies.**

CARRIED as amended  
(R. van den Ham dissented)

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Delegated Authority Monthly Report  
January and February 1997  
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 4.6.7.4)  
- Chief Administrative Officer's memorandum dated 11 Mar 97

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

2. Emergency Watermain Trench Restoration  
Hot Mix Paving, Contract No: CW- 7606  
(In Accordance with Corporate Policy Manual Section 4.6.9)  
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's memorandum dated 07 Feb 97

FINANCE

3. Delegated Authority Quarterly Report  
October to December 1996  
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 1.6.1)  
- Finance Commissioner's memorandum dated 13 Feb 97

HOMES FOR THE AGED

4. Island Lodge Tunnel Repair  
(In Accordance With Corporate Policy Manual Section 4.6.9)  
- Homes for the Aged Commissioner's memorandum dated 14 Mar 97

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS \ HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Recognition Programs  
- Joint Information and Public Affairs Director and Human Resources  
Commissioner's memorandum dated 26 Feb 97

INQUIRIES

Councillor Cullen referenced an article in the Ottawa Citizen on the bankruptcy of Recreation Services International (RSI), an Ottawa company. Councillor Cullen stated the article quoted the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton was a creditor to RSI and inquired on the details. J. LeBelle, Finance Commissioner, believed it referred to the outstanding water bills from the Township of Cumberland for their recreation facility previously managed by RSI. Mr. LeBelle stated the Region's position was that the Township of Cumberland owed for the water and not RSI.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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CO-ORDINATOR

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CHAIR