

REGION OF OTTAWA CARLETON

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REPORTRAPPORT

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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Acting Deputy Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **RURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAMME**
 CONTRACT CC-9897

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the award of Contract No. CC-9897 in the amount of \$116,800 for professional services from the South Nation Conservation Authority over the next two years to assist in the development and implementation of a Rural Clean Water Programme.

BACKGROUND

As part of the 1999 Capital Budget, Council approved funding for a Rural Clean Water Programme to provide assistance to rural residents of Ottawa-Carleton to implement measures to reduce both point source and non-point source water pollution in the rural portion of the Region. The South Nation Conservation Authority (SNCA) currently offers a similar programme within the South Nation watershed. A portion of the South Nation watershed lies within Regional boundaries.

In order to gain from the experience of the SNCA in operating their programme and to ensure co-ordination of available funding for the rural area, it is recommended that expertise from the SNCA be retained on a cost-recovery basis for the SNCA.

RURAL CLEAN WATER PROGRAMME

The timeframe for development and implementation of the programme is three years. The agreement between the Region and the SNCA for a Programme Manager is for two years, with an option for a third year. The Programme Manager will lead the communications process in

identifying the programme, associated technical issues, grants eligibility, grants funding levels and steering committee structure and membership.

CONSULTATION

An extensive public consultation process is associated with the development of the Rural Water Quality Programme, to be completed by the spring of 2000.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Approved Budget to Date	250,000
Total Paid and Committed	<u>(59,470)</u>
Balance Available	190,530
THIS REQUEST	<u>(116,800)</u>
Balance Remaining (1999 Order)	<u>73,730</u>

Funds have been provided in the 1999 Capital Budget Account No. 932-43420 (Order No. 900264), Rural Water Quality Programme, Purchase Requisition No. 10021297.

*Approved by
Nancy B. Schepers, P. Eng.*

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available as indicated.

*Approved by T. Fedec
on behalf of the Finance Commissioner*