

Our File/N/Réf. 01-97-0026 CAO
Your File/V/Réf.

DATE 23 January 1998

TO/DEST. Human Resources Commissioner

FROM/EXP. Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT/OBJET **ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S NEW FUNDING
ARRANGEMENTS**

On December 12, 1997 the Province of Ontario announced new funding arrangements for regional and municipal governments throughout the province as a result of the transfer of new responsibilities.

The Ontario Government is asking the Region of Ottawa-Carleton to find efficiencies in the order of \$27 million to achieve revenue neutral downloading. In addition, the Region estimates that the cost to local taxpayers is at least \$29 million higher than provincial calculations. When combining this \$27 million efficiency target with the additional cost that must be handled locally, the RMOC is estimating the total shortfall could reach \$56 million.

The Ontario Government also indicated that it does not intend to allocate any of the new funding provisions to the Region of Ottawa-Carleton, and therefore no dollars would be forthcoming from either the Community Re-investment Funds or the Special Transition Assistance Fund.

Until we have an opportunity to assess these latest calculations and seek direction from Council for the 1998 Budget, I am directing that no staffing appointments shall be made without specific approval by me based on a substantiated recommendation by the Department Head responsible and concurred in by you. Casual and wage positions may continue to be filled from the qualified candidates list, the casual pool and the recall list. This direction has been given in consultation with the Chair.

Original signed by:
C.M. Beckstead

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED
TO BE LISTED ON CORPORATE
SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE AGENDA - 3 FEB 98

cc. Regional Chair
Management Committee