

REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON
RÉGION D'OTTAWA-CARLETON

MEMORANDUM
NOTE DE SERVICE

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SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE AGENDA 05 Sep 00

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

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

A question was asked at a recent Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee meeting “are construction costs increasing”.

With the very large number of variables on a particular project, a variance from the estimate is not a valid indication of the overall construction market.

The attached graph and table of cost indices used in our estimating unit clearly shows the excellent construction prices received in the 1990s.

It would be unreasonable to expect that the wide variance between the consumer price index and the Region of Ottawa-Carleton construction price index can be maintained at a time of prosperity.

A return to shadowing the consumer price index would see a significant increase in construction costs in the future.

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Attach. (1)

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA CARLETON
ENGINEERING DIVISION. TRANSPORTATION BRANCH
PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

8/8/00

TABLE OF COST INDICES FOR USE IN INDEXING UNIT PRICE DATA

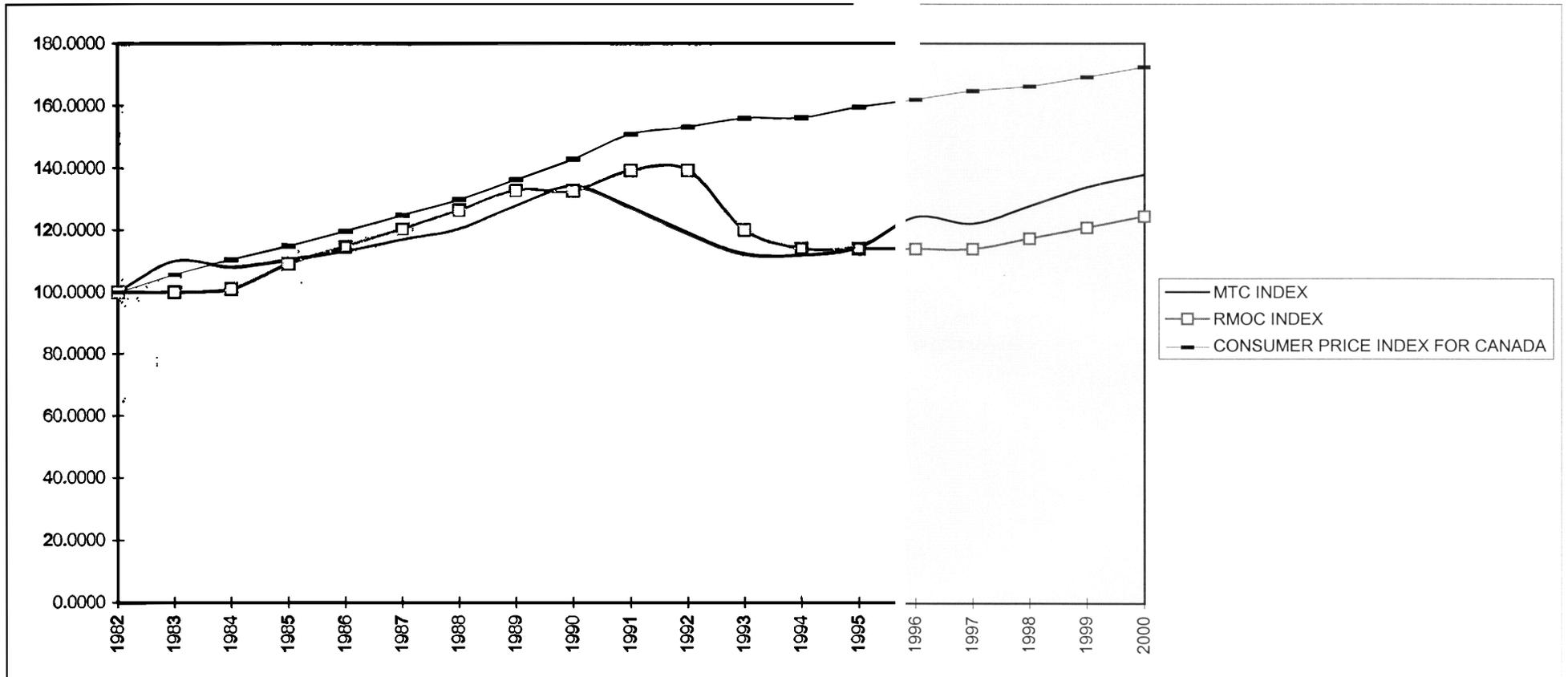


TABLE OF COST INDICES FOR USE IN INDEXING UNIT PRICE DATA

YEAR	MTC INDEX	RMOC INDEX	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CANADA
1971	34.2600	34.2600	
1972	33.5100	40.3500	
1973	39.6200	43.5700	
1974	41.8700	47.9300	
1975	50.5200	55.1200	
1976	57.9900	63.3900	
1977	62.1100	69.7300	
1978	67.8500	73.2100	
1979	74.2000	76.8700	
1980	78.7500	80.7100	
1981	85.2900	84.7500	

YEAR	MTC INDEX	RMOC INDEX	CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CANADA
1982	100.0000	100.0000	100.0000
1983	109.8000	100.0000	105.8193
1984	108.0000	101.0000	110.4135
1985	110.3000	109.1000	114.8545
1986	113.3000	114.6000	119.6018
1987	117.1000	120.3000	124.8086
1988	120.6000	126.3200	129.8622
1989	128.1000	132.6400	136.2940
1990	134.0000	132.6400	142.8790
1991	127.2000	139.2700	150.8423
1992	118.9000	139.2700	153.1394
1993	112.1000	120.0000	155.8959
1994	111.9000	114.0000	156.2021
1995	114.5000	114.0000	159.5712
1996	124.3000	114.0000	162.0214
1997	122.2000	114.0000	164.7779
1998	127.8000	117.4200	166.3093
1999	133.9000	120.9400	169.2190
2000	137.9240	124.5682	172.4349