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TO/DEST. Coordinator, Corporate Services and Economic Development
Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING MOTION NO. CSED-11(97)
BENCHMARKING OF ROAD MAINTENANCE COSTS**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

On 21 October 1997 at Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee, Councillor P. Hume requested staff undertake a benchmarking of road maintenance costs between the RMO and area road authorities including the Ministry of Transportation and report back to the Committee. The Councillor noted the Region would be taking over a number of roads from the Ministry in the near future and believed it would be beneficial if staff and Councillors were aware of how the Region's road maintenance compared to others.

DISCUSSION

The Manager of Right of Way has broached the subject at two quarterly meetings of area municipal supervisors and advises of limited interest in the undertaking. In addition, we currently have a stable working relationship which we would not recommend altering at this time.

The Province is stalled in their own program to enter into area maintenance contracts by the arbitration ruling that effectively charged the Province with failing to make reasonable efforts to employ their existing staff who were made redundant by the awarding of contracts in south-western Ontario to the private sector.

We have established a dialogue with the Provincial district engineer and will meet with him to discuss a proposal where the Region could enter into a contract with the Ministry of Transportation to carry out maintenance "activity" on the provincial highways within a defined geographic area for a price as yet to be determined.

The same issue could arise with respect to redundant employees for the Province but to a lesser extent because most of the Highway work within the Region is carried out by contracted services at this time.

Approved by
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