

MINUTES

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON

CHAMPLAIN ROOM

15 SEPTEMBER 1998

3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: R. Chiarelli

Members: D. Beamish, R. Cantin, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, M. Meilleur,
W. Stewart, R. van den Ham

REGRETS

A. Loney

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee confirm the Minutes of the 01 September 1998 meeting.

CARRIED

REGULAR ITEMS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. LINKAGES INITIATIVE AND STUDY APPROVAL
- Executive Director, Economic Affairs report dated 03 Sep 98

Councillor Hume explained that when the project was discussed at Council, he understood that the linkages were prepared and construction was imminent, thereby justifying the need for the large budget allocation. The Councillor expressed concern a study was yet to be conducted.

Notes: 1. Underlining indicates new or amended recommendations approved by Committee.
2. Reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 23 September 1998 in Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report Number 20 and Confidential Report No. 21.

R. Chartrand, Executive Director, Economic Affairs, confirmed the funding was never intended to be for construction purposes and noted partnerships were to be developed as opportunities arose to incorporate them in the plan. For example, Mr. Chartrand pointed out the Daly site facility would incorporate a pedestrian link between that facility and the Chateau Laurier as part of its development.

Mr. Chartrand stated the staff report represented the need to provide the framework and assess issues such as design and maintenance, hours of operation and safety. He emphasized the importance to be prepared for when the linkages were ready for construction.

Councillor Hume expressed disappointment in that he understood that some of the budget was to be used to construct the first link from the Congress Centre to the Convention Centre.

Councillor Stewart stated there was no information in the report that would cause her to reinstate the delegated spending authority. The Councillor referenced the Council approval of 27 May 1998 in which they endorsed the priority linkages system plan developed by the Linkages Initiative, and directed staff to work *with the Region's other partners* in the Linkages Initiative. Councillor Stewart believed it was Council's wish to formulate the partnerships to review the entire picture prior to any incremental approval. The Councillor expressed her support for the consultant appointment at this time, however, could not support the removal of the delegated authority to spend the \$3 million in the budget envelope.

Councillor Cantin explained that prior to construction it was necessary to formulate agreements and principles regarding many issues such as opening hours, maintenance issues, air rights, etc. He noted the linkages may be constructed and built by private sector partners, however, there was a definite need for agreements to be in place in terms of standardization. Councillor Cantin stated the proposed consultant study would provide this.

In response to a question from Councillor van den Ham, Mr. Chartrand provided a history of the events. He explained that during budget discussion there were two items that were of concern to Council, firstly the Convention Centre and secondly, the Linkages Initiative. As a result, staff were advised to return to Committee to report on both issues, which was subsequently done in July and May respectively. Mr. Chartrand stated Council endorsement was achieved following the presentations, however, it was necessary to restore the spending authority to proceed under business as usual. Councillor van den Ham expressed his support for this request.

Councillor Meilleur requested the staff recommendation be separated into two components and Committee consideration of each as two independent items. The Councillor did not support restoring the delegated authority as Council expressed a desire to carefully oversee the budget expenditures. Speaking to the Linkages initiative and the study, Councillor Meilleur believed it was necessary taking into consideration the approval of proceeding with the possible Convention Centre expansion.

Mr. Chartrand clarified the process for delegated authority was clearly outlined in the Corporate Policy Manual and the ability within the administration was limited to a maximum of \$50,000 under strict guidelines. He pointed out any expenditure in excess of \$50,000 would, under normal process, return to the Committee for approval. Mr. Chartrand added the restoration of the delegated authority was required for the day-to-day operation of the projects.

Councillor Meilleur referenced the public and Council's reservations associated with the \$3 million allocated to the projects during budget review. The Councillor stated it was not necessary to return to Committee for expenditures of \$5,000 to \$10,000, however, indicated there was a budget of \$3 million that Council was accountable for and needed to be aware of its disposition.

Councillor Hill expressed concern the staff recommendation did not specifically include a maximum of \$50,000 for the consultant study. The Councillor moved a Motion to that effect.

Chair Chiarelli stated it was not possible to proceed with the construction of any linkage component until there was a review of such areas as issue analysis, implementation guidelines, funding, design and approvals, and management and operations. The Chair pointed out there may be opportunities for the linkages to be funded and built by the private sector. The Chair stated the exploration of all avenues may save the Region significant capital money.

With reference to consultation to date, Chair Chiarelli pointed out partners such as the Linkages Committee, the City of Ottawa, and the National Capital Commission have been consulted and would continue to be involved on an ongoing basis.

In closing, Chair Chiarelli acknowledged the reservations expressed by Council during the budget deliberations, however, believed that with the approval of continuing the Convention Centre and Linkages projects, those concerns had been lessened. The Chair believed the next logical step in the process was study approval and the restoration of the delegated authority so staff could fulfil their obligations under the projects.

Councillor Hume expressed concern that Council was led to believe the project was much further advanced than it actually was, and referenced the tremendous amount of resources and time spent to date.

Councillor Hunter concurred with Councillor Hume's concerns in that he also was under the impression during the previous consideration of the initiative that the project was further along and questions outstanding were not of a substantial nature. Councillor Hunter pointed out there was agreement in where the linkages should be, noting that some already existed, and future ones would be constructed through site plan development/approval. He suggested that between the partners and staff, the issues outlined in the report could be addressed.

In response to questions from Councillor Beamish regarding progress to date, Mr. Chartrand reviewed the recent downtown projects which would or may incorporate many of the proposed linkages, such as the Daly site redevelopment, the Government Conference Centre conversion and the Plaza Bridge rehabilitation. He continued to explain the study would provide the necessary framework required to move ahead and protect the Region's interests. Chair Chiarelli reviewed the numerous detailed and technical meetings with the many partners. In closing, Chair Chiarelli stated there was a need for a framework on how to interface with all players.

Ms. Jean Pigott, Chair, Linkages Initiatives, confirmed that the only monies spent to date, other than the 50% share for the Convention Centre (Minto) study, was through the private sector in trying to advance the concept. Ms. Pigott stated the private sector now required technical assistance to review the issues surrounding the project. In closing, Ms. Pigott expressed her gratitude for the Region's initiative and leadership displayed in such areas as the Plaza Bridge and Convention Centre site.

Mr. Phil Wasserman, ByWard Market BIA, stated the BIA was supportive of the Linkages Initiative and the Convention Centre expansion. He concurred that funding to date had been through the private sector and the City of Ottawa. Mr. Wasserman pointed out other cities had operational and design guidelines that contributed to the success of the infrastructure, and these were required to ensure well designed and well used linkages.

Mr. Gilles Landry, National Arts Centre (NAC), stated the concept of linkages was not new but its success depended on the participation of all players. He stated the NAC was a crucial link to provide many services such as parking for the new Conference Centre and other venues, and assist the tourists that visited the City. Mr. Landry commented the NAC was not in the position to take the leadership role. In response to a question from Councillor Beamish, Mr. Landry reported the NAC was presently not in the position to fund the initiative, however, options were possible for long term planning.

Mr. Chartrand added one element of the study was to review funding and potential options, and to explore the means to have the linkages self-financed.

Councillor Meilleur stated her constituents were concerned about the linkages and therefore supported the study to ensure the development of a professional, pedestrian-friendly design. The Councillor emphasized the need for community consultation.

Councillor Cantin referenced the past redevelopment of downtown which resulted in a revenue in excess of \$60 million annually to different levels of government. He stated a \$50,000 investment to co-ordinate the efforts surrounding the linkages was essential for the success of the project.

Speaking to the item of restoration of delegated authority, Councillor van den Ham pointed out any expenditure over \$50,000 required Committee consideration under normal procedure. He pointed out to not reinstate the authority continued to freeze the account and would hamper day-to-day business.

Councillor Meilleur explained her concern was the restoration of the authority to expend the \$3 million dedicated to the Linkages and the Convention Centre. She supported the present request of up to \$50,000.

Mr. Beckstead, Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed the restoration of authority did not intend for the \$3 million. He suggested the recommendation be amended to include the words "in accordance to the Corporate Policy Manual", which indicated that commitments up to \$50,000 could be made by staff or the CAO under certain guidelines; however, expenditures over \$50,000 required Committee consideration.

Mr. Chartrand suggested in order to accommodate the Councillor's concerns, at this time a maximum of \$50,000 would be spent on the Linkages initiative. However, he explained it may be necessary to separate the Linkages project from the Convention Centre account to allow for the continuation of business around the Convention Centre project.

Chair Chiarelli acknowledged it was the will of a majority of the Committee at this time that all expenditures on the account return for consideration. He pointed out this was not the normal way to do business on any other Corporate budget.

Councillor Hill referenced the shortfall in future budgets and stated it was not possible to continue business as usual. She emphasized it was necessary for Council and staff to be more diligent with the regional budget.

Councillor Cantin believed to not lift the freeze on the account would be to micro-manage the project. The Councillor moved a Motion to allow staff the flexibility of up to \$25,000 per occurrence spending authority. Councillor Cantin noted it was necessary to allow staff to operate the Corporation as a business.

Councillor Stewart expressed disappointment with placing unreasonable constraints on staff, however, believed it was necessary until Council was comfortable with the project and to ensure money was not being spent in ways not yet approved. The Councillor suggested it may be necessary for a report outlining the estimated required funding separated for the two projects.

Councillor Beamish echoed Councillor Hill's comments in that the projects were not normal business of the Region, such as roads and sewers. He believed they required monitoring until there was clear direction and they were defined as Regional projects.

Moved by M. Meilleur

That the staff recommendation be separated and voted on in two individual components; firstly, approval of the study, and secondly, restoration of the delegated authority.

CARRIED

Moved by B. Hill

That staff recommendation No. 1 be amended to include the words "not to exceed \$50,000.00" after the word "study".

CARRIED

Moved by R. Cantin

That spending authority of up to \$25,000 per occurrence be re-instated and that items spent under this budget be reported by the Chief Administrative Officer in his monthly delegated authority report.

LOST

YEAS: R. Cantin, R. van den Ham, R. Chiarelli 3

NAYS: D. Beamish, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, M. Meilleur, W. Stewart 6

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

- 1. Direct staff to undertake a study not to exceed \$50,000.00 to conduct an issue analysis and develop implementation guidelines and procedures for the linkages initiative pedestrian system, addressing matters of development and funding, design and approvals, and management and operations.**

CARRIED as amended

YEAS: R. Cantin, M. Meilleur, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham, R. Chiarelli 5
NAYS: D. Beamish, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter 4

2. Restore the delegated spending authority on Capital Account 912-13420, Convention Centre/Linkages.

LOST

YEAS: R. Cantin, R. van den Ham, R. Chiarelli 3
NAYS: D. Beamish, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, M. Meilleur, W. Stewart 6

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

2. WEST RIDEAU COLLECTOR SEWER PHASE 4B
FUTURE REPAYMENT - CONTRACT CT8202
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 25 Aug 98

At the request of staff in order to correct an oversight in the report and attached Memorandum of Understanding, Councillor Hunter moved the following Motion:

Moved by G. Hunter

That all references to "Minto Developments Inc." as outlined in the report recommendations and the attached Memorandum of Understanding be amended to read "South Nepean Development Corporation."

CARRIED

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

1. **The extension of the West Rideau Collector Sewer approximately 500 meters south along Regional Road 73 (formerly Hwy. 16) from the existing limit of the sewer (approximately 1180 meters south of Merivale Road);**
2. **The Region enter into an agreement with South Nepean Development Corporation to implement the attached Memorandum of Understanding whereby South Nepean Development Corporation pay the carrying costs incurred by the Region in providing sewer services to their land, notably the Chapman Mills Phase IV Subdivision;**
3. **The repayment of the installation costs in the estimated amount of \$538,000 (encumbrance CT8202) with no carrying costs payable by the Region of Ottawa-Carleton to South Nepean Development Corporation upon receipt of invoice;**
4. **The repayment of the installation costs of approximately 90 meters of sewer stubs and manholes at the points of intersection with the Strandherd Stormwater Management Facility in the estimated amount of \$159,000 to the City of Nepean;**
5. **The area be brought into the Region's Sanitary Sewer Area as soon as practicable;**
6. **The advance of \$697,000 from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund to the West Rideau Collector Phase 4B, Project No. 932-42054; and**
7. **The agreement be executed and registered on title for the developer's lands in the Chapman Mills Phase IV Subdivision and be secured by a Letter of Credit prior to letting of the contract to bring sewer services to the land.**

CARRIED as amended

3. **SOUTH OTTAWA COLLECTOR**
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 10 Sep 98

Moved by P. Hume

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee move Out of Camera and resume in Open Session.

CARRIED

M. Sheflin, Environment and Transportation Commissioner, explained that all possible options for remedial action were considered and the staff recommendation was the most economical. He noted the consulting firm of Montgomery Watson was retained in late 1997 to determine the most effective, safe, environmentally acceptable and economic means of cleaning and operating the collector.

Councillor Beamish requested a copy of the Montgomery Watson report be provided to all members of Council. N. Schepers, Director, Water Environment Protection Division, explained the report was in draft form, but would be finalized in the near future. Ms. Schepers indicated the draft report would undergo minor amendments prior to the end of the month and confirmed a copy of the draft would be supplied to Councillors right away. Mr. Sheflin added it was not recommended to wait for the final consultant report, but necessary to proceed with rectifying the situation immediately.

Councillor Hunter noted as Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee there was a need to review the proposed method of operation as recommended by the Montgomery Watson report. Mr. Sheflin agreed and confirmed this would be arranged.

Members of the Committee referenced the need for safety and a public consultation strategy. Following discussion, the Committee agreed a communication strategy was essential and would be developed the following day.

The Committee then considered the report recommendations as follows.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the following:

- 1. The establishment of a capital project in the amount of \$17,000,000 for the management and implementation of the cleaning and remedial work for the South Ottawa Collector;**
- 2. The transfer of funds in the amount of \$17,000,000 from the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund;**
- 3. The implementation of a fast track procurement process for the cleaning and remedial work associated with the South Ottawa Collector.**

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

4. LAND ACQUISITION

2 BURGESS AVE., NEPEAN

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 25 Aug 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the acquisition of 2 Burgess Avenue, City of Nepean, from the Estate of Deomonina Hemish for the construction of the West Transitway Extension between Pinecrest Road and Acres Road, for a consideration of \$158,617.

CARRIED

REGIONAL CLERK

5. ATTENDANCE AT THE 1998 COUNTY AND REGIONAL
SECTIONS OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES OF
ONTARIO (AMO) CONFERENCE

- Regional Clerk's report dated 31 Aug 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the attendance of Councillor P. Hume at the County and Regional Sections of Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 1998 Conference to be held 4 - 7 October 1998 in Brantford, Ontario.

CARRIED

6. GRANT REQUEST OUTSIDE REGULAR GRANTS PROCESS
1999 BANK OF MONTREAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Regional Clerk's report dated 01 Sep 98

Mr. Peter Montopoli, Vice-President, Marketing, The Skating Events Trust, provided a brief history of the Canadian Championships. He reported that a study had been conducted to review all Canadian cities to determine their capability to host major figure skating events; the speaker emphasizing that the Region of Ottawa-Carleton was considered No. 1. Mr. Montopoli indicated that over the past five years, four major events were held in Ottawa and he noted the economic impact was approximately \$37 million.

Speaking to the 1999 Bank of Montreal Canadian Championships, Mr. Montopoli explained there were two major aspects for the Region, that being an economic impact of \$12.25 million and secondly, the national exposure level.

Mr. Montopoli explained the Regional grant would be used to enhance the volunteer's experience through a number of provisions, the transportation system and a city banner program. In closing, Mr. Montopoli pointed out the figure skating sport had been prominent in the Ottawa-Carleton Region, had served the community well, and he believed support could be given for their initiative.

Councillor Beamish referenced the sponsorship as outlined in the 1999 event budget and inquired where the Bank of Montreal sponsorship was included. Mr. Montopoli reported the Bank of Montreal sponsored numerous components of the Association and the amount was located in the General Fund for the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

Councillor Hume referenced the use of the Civic Centre rather than the Corel Centre. Mr. Montopoli explained the Civic Centre provided the benefits of the downtown core regarding transportation and location, issues relevant to a multi-day event. He stated the Civic Centre was the preferred venue for their event, however, noted a facility of smaller capacity would not be feasible for their Championship event.

Speaking to the Bank of Montreal sponsorship and a question from Councillor Hunter, Mr. Montopoli explained the Bank sponsored five different aspects of the Canadian Figure Skating Association. He confirmed there were other revenues (sponsors) for the Association, but not respective to the subject event. Mr. Montopoli stated monies received for televising the event were also directed into the Canadian Figure Skating Association General Fund.

Councillor Hunter referenced the 1999 event budget and noted the sponsorship amount of \$32,500 did not include the possible regional grant, indicating should a grant be approved, the projected profit would increase accordingly.

Chair Chiarelli acknowledged the significant contribution of the Championship event to the Ottawa-Carleton community and thanked the participants for their initiative. The Chair expressed some reservation to support a grant request subject to the financial constraints faced by the Region. He inquired if the Region could participate through possible services in kind.

Ms. Sandra Gage, Marketing Manager, The Skating Events Trust, stated there were potential areas the Region could contribute either in the form of facilities or staff assistance. These areas include the City Banner Program, the Volunteer Appreciation Reception and a Local Sponsor Reception. Notwithstanding the disposition of the request, Chair Chiarelli invited the organization to communicate all areas of potential regional participation / assistance to the Regional Clerk.

In response to questions from Councillor Stewart, Mr. Montopoli confirmed the event was held in Ottawa-Carleton in 1996, without regional support at that time. The speaker believed the event would continue without regional support and indicated sponsorship was not available from other municipalities in the Region. Mr. Montopoli pointed out there was significant sponsorship from host cities for past and future events. Councillor Stewart referenced the economic spin-offs and potential success of the event, and noted she would personally support the event by attending. However, Councillor Stewart stated she could not support a grant from taxpayer money given all other financial pressures facing the Region at this time.

In response to questions from Councillor Hume, Mr. Montopoli reviewed methods in which the Region would be recognized for their sponsorship.

Councillor Beamish moved a Motion to support a grant request in the amount of \$25,000 as a pre-commitment from the 1999 Economic Development Grants Program (EDGP) budget. The Councillor indicated the original request was received in late 1997, after the deadline for the 1998 EDGP and therefore could not be considered in conjunction with the other applications. Councillor Beamish stated if the Panel were considering the application, it would be ranked as a top priority. The Councillor was confident the Panel would make a recommendation to fund the request at some level. He concluded by reviewing the economic benefits to the Region.

Councillor Hume concurred with Councillor Beamish and moved a Motion to amend the Beamish Motion to support a grant in the amount of \$50,000. The Councillor referenced a recent approval by Council of \$147,000 to the high technology community which received little debate. Councillor Hume noted this may be the last opportunity for the event to be held in Ottawa-Carleton due to the unknown fate of the Civic Centre.

Councillor Stewart pointed out the event was expected to be profitable without a regional contribution.

Councillor Stewart suggested the deferral of the report to obtain information regarding the approval from the Economic Development Grants Panel regarding the pre-commitment of funds from their 1999 budget, in particular a large amount of \$50,000. She also suggested a need to review areas of support other than financial.

Councillor Meilleur referenced past regional support to other sporting events and the arts. The Councillor welcomed the initiative and expressed her support for the grant request.

Councillor van den Ham referenced the tremendous benefits of the event no matter where it was held. However, the Councillor could not support a financial contribution pointing out the revenue of previous events and recognizing the pre-commitment would decrease the funds available for applications under the 1999 EDGP. Councillor van den Ham concurred with Chair Chiarelli in that there may be other means to participate in the event through services in kind.

Councillor Hunter concurred with Councillor van den Ham's comments. The Councillor believed there was a need for corporate and municipal support *in some means* to recognize the valuable efforts of the volunteers involved in the success of the event.

In response to a question from Councillor Stewart, Mr. LeBelle confirmed funding would be a pre-commitment from the 1999 Economic Development Grants Program budget. Councillor Stewart believed more information was needed regarding options for regional support prior to approving a financial amount.

Moved by W. Stewart

That this item be referred back to staff for more information regarding opportunities for Regional assistance in ways other than financial.

LOST

YEAS: G. Hunter, W. Stewart ... 2

NAYS: D. Beamish, B. Hill, P. Hume, M. Meilleur, R. van den Ham, R. Chiarelli ... 6

Moved by P. Hume

That the Beamish Motion be amended to read:

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the grant request from the Bank of Montreal Canadian Championships in the amount of \$50,000 as a pre-commitment from the 1999 Economic Development Grants Program budget.

LOST

YEAS: D. Beamish, P. Hume, M. Meilleur 3

NAYS: B. Hill, G. Hunter, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham, R. Chiarelli ... 5

Moved by D. Beamish

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the grant request from the Bank of Montreal Canadian Championships in the amount of \$25,000 as a pre-commitment from the 1999 Economic Development Grants Program budget.

LOST

YEAS: D. Beamish, P. Hume, M. Meilleur 3

NAYS: B. Hill, G. Hunter, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham, R. Chiarelli ... 5

As a result of the lost Motions, the item was forwarded onto Council for its consideration, as per usual procedure, however, there was no Committee Recommendation to accompany the report.

MISCELLANEOUS

7. 1999 BUDGET: TIMETABLE/PRINCIPLES
- Co-ordinator, Budget Sub-Committee report dated 09 Sep 98

Councillor Hume referenced the “Budget Sub-Committee / Budget Review Board Administrative Efficiencies and Program Review” component of the 1999 timetable. The Councillor believed this task represented merging the Budget Sub-Committee and the Budget Review Board together which would result in a single budget being presented to Committee and Council for consideration. Councillor Hume moved a Motion to amend this process.

On clarification, J. LeBelle, Finance Commissioner, pointed out it was the first year for existence of the Budget Sub-Committee and roles had not yet been completely defined. However, the Finance Commissioner stated it was important for the Budget Review Board to meet and that the administration review and present a budget that had a consistent interpretation of Council direction. Mr. LeBelle stated there continued to be an important role for the Budget Review Board and confirmed their review would occur as a prefix to the Budget Sub-Committee. Mr. LeBelle explained the two functions were listed in the timetable together as there was a recognition that the Budget Review Board may want to sit in on the discussions with the Budget Sub-Committee.

Councillor Hume stated his preference for process was that the Budget Review Board would continue to meet as with past budget processes, and would continue to prepare draft estimates which would later be reviewed by the Budget Sub-Committee. He suggested the Budget Sub-Committee would then provide to each of the standing committees a companion report with their comments or recommendations concerning the draft estimates. Councillor Hume stated it was not appropriate for the Budget Sub-Committee recommendations to be merged with the draft estimates, and emphasized the need to keep the political representations separate from the administrative recommendations. Mr. LeBelle and Councillor van den Ham, Chair of the Budget Sub-Committee, confirmed it was the intention that the process would be in accordance with the wish of the Councillor.

Moved by P. Hume

That staff, through the Budget Review Board, prepare draft estimates to the Budget Sub-Committee, which will review and comment on the draft estimates through the public sub-committee process; and further that, pursuant to Council's procedural by-law and standard practices, each standing committee will review the proposed estimates along side the comments of the Budget Sub-Committee.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

The Committee then considered the report recommendation as follows.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the 1999 Budget Timetable along with the Budget Principles as attached to the report.

CARRIED

Councillor Meilleur inquired when the Property Tax Policy Committee would begin meeting, what their timetable would be, and if public consultation meetings would be held. Mr. LeBelle stated the strategy and form of the public consultation would have to be confirmed by the ad hoc Committee. The Finance Commissioner reported the Region planned on applying to the Minister for an extension to the October 31 deadline to set 1999 ratios. He stated the October deadline was too early, unrealistic and would not allow for a proper public consultation process. Mr. LeBelle suggested the Committee would begin meeting in the near future. Councillor Meilleur, on behalf of her ward's business community, expressed their interest to appear before the Property Tax Policy Committee.

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

REGIONAL CLERK

1. Record of Tender Openings for
the Month of August 1998
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 4.6.6)
- Regional Clerk's memorandum dated 09 Sep 98

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

Moved by P. Hume

That Agenda Item No. 1 of the Confidential Agenda be considered by the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee In-Camera pursuant to Section 11, Subsection (e) litigation or potential litigation affecting the Regional Corporation, including matters before administrative tribunals; and (f) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, of the Procedure By-law.

CARRIED

Moved by P. Hume

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee move Out of Camera and resume in open session.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION / LEGAL

1. SOUTH OTTAWA COLLECTOR
INTERIM REPORT
(Reference Item No. 3 on Regular Agenda)
- Regional Solicitor's report dated 10 Sep 98

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

RECEIVED

HOMES FOR THE AGED / LEGAL

2. M.P.E. SEVERANCE - SETTLEMENT
- Joint Homes for the Aged Commissioner and Regional Solicitor's report dated 2 Sep 98

The Committee waived discussion on the following confidential report and approved the staff recommendation without an In Camera session.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the staff recommendation set out in the report.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

06 Oct 98

CO-ORDINATOR

CHAIR