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DATE 11 June 1996

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

FROM/EXP. Finance Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **BUDGET DIRECTIONS 1997 REPORT**

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### DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

**That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the Budget Directions 1997 report, as tabled with Regional Council on 22 May 1996.**

### BACKGROUND

On 22 May 1996, Regional Council received and tabled the following two documents: i) Chief Administrative Officer's Report on the Corporate Review dated 21 May 96; and ii) Budget Directions 1997. These two documents provide Council with an overview of the financial challenges for 1997 and recommendations to address those challenges. The reports will be considered at the Council meeting of 10 July 1996.

The report entitled "Budget Directions 1997" has been prepared by the Finance Department to present to members of Council and the citizens of Ottawa-Carleton the issues facing the Corporation as it prepares its 1997 draft estimates for Council consideration. This report, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer's Report on Corporate Review, provides recommendations and strategies for dealing with these challenges. It also proposes several key guiding principles to be followed in the preparation of the 1997 draft operating and capital estimates which are to be tabled with Council later this year.

The Budget Directions 1997 report is placed before the Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council. Individual departmental reports regarding the Corporate Review, to be considered by the appropriate standing committees, were annexed to the Chief Administrative Officer's Report and provided information on recommended changes to programs for 1997. If adopted by Council, these program changes would become part of the 1997 budget preparation. Regional Council, on 10 July 1996, will consider the Corporate Review report, as recommended by the appropriate standing committees, and the Budget Directions 1997 report, as recommended by the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee.

*Approved by  
K. Kirkpatrick on behalf  
of the Finance Commissioner*