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

FROM/EXP.               Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT/OBJET           **RESPONSE TO COUNCIL MOTION #198 -  
                              REGION-WIDE LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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#### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

On April 17, 1996, the Ottawa-Carleton Mayors' Forum approved a report prepared by the Ottawa-Carleton Area CAOs entitled, Municipal Services Delivery Review. The report recommended area municipalities to undertake reviews of service delivery to explore possible joint initiatives in effort to become more cost effective. As a result, the area CAOs chose a number of issues to be reviewed in the short and long term. Library services was placed on the long term list of issues to be analysed by a municipal working group.

At the Council meeting of July 10, 1996, Council approved the report entitled, Review of Inter-Municipal Service Arrangements in the Ottawa-Carleton Area, with amendments. Approved motion number 198 amended the report to include a review of a region-wide library system.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Ottawa-Carleton Area CAOs meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss various issues affecting all area municipalities. As an avenue to commence a review on library services, this item was raised at the last meeting of the Area CAOs which was held at the City of Vanier on October 3rd.

As a result of a brief discussion on this matter, the review was referred to the area municipalities for analysis. It was noted that library services were not a regional responsibility but a local one and should be examined at this level. It was recommended that the review of library services include facilities and resources managed by area school boards and universities. Any proposed changes to the current structure should take into account the organization and responsibilities of these two additional groups.

## CONCLUSION

The Area CAOs agreed to proceed with this review. No date has been set for completion of the study.

*Approved by  
C.M. Beckstead*