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DATE	11 January 2000
TO/DEST.	Chair and Members, Planning and Environment Committee
FROM/EXP.	Co-ordinator, Planning and Environment Committee
SUBJECT/OBJET	COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITY PLAN PROPOSAL

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Environment Committee consider the following Motion:

WHEREAS the year 2000 is the transition year to the new City of Ottawa and new types of planning will have to be undertaken to assist the new Council to identify priorities at both the city and the neighbourhood level,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff provide Council with an assessment of what would be a reasonable method of integrating the multi-layers of plans presently in force across the Region,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff provide an analysis of what Council will want to consider as the new city plan and the planning process required to get there,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT as part of the preparation for the new city plan a small amount of money and some staff time be provided to each councillor to prepare a Communities and Environmental Priority Plan for each ward,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT these plans would identify on a ward by ward basis, through a process of community consultations what the various communities which comprise each ward regard as priority issues to be addressed in the new city plan and year 2001 budget process.

BACKGROUND

On 22 December 1999, Regional Council approved the above Motion, as submitted by the Transportation Committee. Extracts of the Draft Minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of 15 December 1999 and the Special Regional Council Meeting of 22 December 1999, pertaining to this matter are attached for your reference.

Accordingly, the Planning and Environment Committee is asked to consider the Motion submitted by Councillor Doucet.

*Approved by
Dawn Whelan*

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Councillor Doucet proposed the following:

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The councillor remarked that there is no mechanism at the community level to integrate both theirs and the Region's plans and he believed a vision could be established of what residents see as their community environmental priorities. He opined that developing it on a single ward basis would not accomplish very much and believed it would be more proactive if it was done on a Council-wide basis. If the committee supports his Motion, he suggested the discussion could then focus on how much money should be allocated to it.

The Commissioner of Planning and Development Approvals believed the Motion should more appropriately be dealt with by the Planning and Environment Committee. He explained that staff intend to do similar work which is suggested in the Motion, but taking into consideration the task of amalgamating Regional and local by-laws and official plans for the new city, he did not believe there would be enough time to address this specific request. He suggested the Motion be referred to the Planning and Environment Committee for review and comment, taking into consideration the direction they wish staff to take with respect to the amalgamation of the official plans and the by-laws.

Councillor Doucet argued that the Motion belongs to almost any committee, but it is mostly transportation-driven because it involves sidewalks, integration of roads, et cetera. Therefore, he believed it was appropriate to raise it at Transportation Committee for consideration by Council. He maintained that this will provide an opportunity for communities to be a part of the process in a small way while the Transition Team is in place. Further, involving the lower tier

municipalities would be beneficial. He went on to state that councillors have no way of sounding out their constituents to hear what they perceive to be priorities in the development of the new city of Ottawa and this is what his Motion speaks to and he believed it would be a useful tool in the coming year.

Councillor McGoldrick-Larsen suggested no decision be taken at this time until it is known what the Regional Chair's office has in mind with respect to public consultation. She had some concerns about being "all inclusive" and could not support the Motion at this time.

Councillor Kreling suggested the Motion be accepted in principle and forwarded to the Planning and Environment Committee for consideration and implemented into a workplan. He did not believe it would be difficult to dovetail into that process a few community meetings with the councillors.

Moved by H. Kreling

That the following Motion be accepted in principle, and that it be referred to the Planning and Environment Committee for their consideration and that the process being endorsed in principle be looked at in concert with what staff are already looking at in Planning and Environment and in Transportation as far as bringing local issues together in the new year:

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CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 52

2000 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

1. That Council approve the 2000 Draft Capital and Operating budget estimates for the Transportation Committee, as amended by the following:

- a. That the King Edward Avenue (Laurier to Sussex) rehabilitation (Project 900061, pg. 131) be advanced to take place in the year 2001 and that preparatory work start this coming fiscal year, and that \$1M be allocated in 2000 for an Environmental Assessment Study and detailed design.
- b. That \$50,000 be transferred from Structures - Provincial Highway Transfer (Project 900094, pg. 213) to Audible Pedestrian Signal Program (Project 900115, pg. 181).
- c. That the New Traffic Control Signals - Urban budget (Project 900431, pg. 191) be increased by \$2.59M, 80% of which is expected to be funded through Regional Development Charges, in order to address the list of outstanding locations that currently meet 100% of the approved pedestrian or traffic signal warrants;

That the net increase of approximately \$500,000 to the Region be accommodated through either:

- a. unused capital authority
- b. capital works progress
- c. or a combination thereof.
- d. That the preliminary design for the New Orchard bus stop, (reference Transitway System Improvements Project 900273, pg. 241), once complete, be submitted to the Transportation Committee and Council prior to submission to the National Capital Commission and commencement of the Environmental Assessment Study.
- e. That the Noise Attenuation Retrofit Program be included in the list of capital projects and that funding in the amount of \$500,000 be allocated for the year 2000;

And that this amount be accommodated through either:

- a. unused capital authority
 - b. capital works in progress
 - c. a combination thereof.
- f. That \$250,000 be allocated in the 2000 budget (\$200,000 from Regional Development Charges and \$50,000 from within the Transportation and Environment Department budget) to partner with the City of Nepean to fund transportation improvements needed as a result of significant economic development in the South Merivale Business Park.

2. That Council approve the following:

- a. That the following Motion be accepted in principle, and that it be referred to the Planning and Environment Committee for consideration and that the process being endorsed in principle would be looked at in concert with what staff are already looking at in Planning and Environment and in Transportation as far as bringing local issues together in the new year:

WHEREAS the year 2000 is the transition year to the new City of Ottawa and new types of planning will have to be undertaken to assist the new Council to identify priorities at both the city and the neighbourhood level;

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communities which comprise each ward regard as priority issues to be addressed in the new city plan and year 2001 budget process.

b. That the following Motion be given as direction to staff:

That should the RMOC receive a new Canada Infrastructure Program during this coming fiscal year, that some of the money saved through this initiative be transferred to the Traffic Calming Measures budget (Project 900065, pg. 165).

MOTION NO. 239

Moved by Councillor M. McGoldrick-Larsen
Seconded by Councillor D. Beamish

WHEREAS the Woodroffe Fallowfield intersection is a rural cross section, operating at level F;

WHEREAS Regional Police and Transport Canada had reported that traffic from the Woodroffe Fallowfield intersection was backing up to a point where there is a serious safety concern, as cars are stopped on the railway tracks on Woodroffe Avenue;

WHEREAS continued residential, commercial and industrial development (JDS Uniphase) will demand this intersection be reconstructed soon;

WHEREAS the City of Nepean General Policy and Administration Committee agreed to work with the Region to see that improvements to this intersection are made over the 2000-2001 timeframe and agreed to providing \$ 1 million for this initiative;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT funding be allocated in the 2000 budget for the design for the intersection of Fallowfield and Woodroffe Avenue, the cost estimate is \$250,000 to be funded 80% from Regional Development Charges and 20% from 1999 contingency funding.

“CARRIED” on a division of 15 YEAS to 1 NAY as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Hunter, Meilleur, Legendre, Holmes, Beamish, Hume, Kreling, McGoldrick-Larsen, Hill, Doucet, Cantin, Stewart, Loney, Bellemare and Chair Chiarelli...15

NAYS: Councillor Byrne...1

MOTION NO. 240

Moved by Councillor W. Stewart
Seconded by Councillor B. Hill

RESOLVED THAT “Urban Budget (project 900431, pg 191)” be removed from Recommendation 1c) so that the increase in New Traffic Control Signals Budget can be applied in urban or rural RMOC as need arises.

“CARRIED” on a division of 11 YEAS to 6 NAYS as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Meilleur, Legendre, Beamish, Hume, McGoldrick-Larsen, Hill, Byrne, Davis, Stewart, Loney and Chair Chiarelli...11

NAYS: Councillors Hunter, Holmes, Kreling, Doucet, Cantin and Bellemare...6

MOTION NO. 241

Moved by Councillor M. Bellemare
Seconded by Councillor H. Kreling

RESOLVED THAT Transportation Committee Recommendation No. 1e) be replaced by the following:

“1e) That the Noise Attenuation Retrofit Program be included in the list of capital projects, and that funding be allocated as follows:

(a) \$50,000 for the Year 2000 from Strategic Transportation Planning Studies (Project # 900099, 2000 Draft Capital Estimates and 10 Year Capital Forecast, page 90);

(b) \$500,000 in each year thereafter.”

“CARRIED”

Transportation Committee Report No. 52 ~ 2000 Transportation Committee Budget as amended by Motion Nos. 239, 240 and 241 was then put to Council and “CARRIED” with Councillor Hume dissenting on Recommendation 1c) [Urban Budget – Project 900431 {Page 191}] and Councillor Hunter dissenting on the Transportation Committee – Transit Capital Budget [2000 Draft Capital Estimates {Pages 234 - 251}].