

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON

DISPOSITION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL

8 APRIL 1998

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6

1. **APPOINTMENTS: SOCIAL HOUSING WORKING GROUP**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve:

1. The appointments of Mr. Derek Ballantyne, Ms. Catherine Boucher, Mr. John Cook, Ms. Olga Tasci, Ms. Sandra Vezina, and Ms. Louise Fisher, as voting members on the Social Housing Working Group;
2. The appointments of Marni Capp, Planning Department and Linda Capperauld, Social Services Department as the two regional staff representatives on the Working Group, and;
3. The participation of non-voting members, representing other housing providers, social service agencies and individuals, with experience or expertise in social housing to complement the Working Group's efforts.

“CARRIED”

2. **PRE-BUDGET FUND ADVANCEMENTS**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the Health and Social Services Departments be given the authorization to advance, up to two months, payment to those groups that the Departments believe would otherwise be unable to deliver the program(s) that the Region funds.

“CARRIED”

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5**OTTAWA-CARLETON WILDLIFE CENTRE****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve funding for the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre's public Hotline Service in the amount of \$51,100.

“CARRIED”

FINANCE COMMISSIONER AND REGIONAL SOLICITOR DEPARTMENTAL
REPORTS**1998 DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURES ON GOODS AND**
SERVICES**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve a temporary amendment to the Corporate Policy Manual for 1998 purposes only which authorizes all Delegated Authority for expenditures to continue prior to approval of the 1998 budget, based on the funding limits presented in the 1998 draft estimates. This delegated authority would not apply to 1998 capital projects and either the overall budgets or each expenditure or contract related to such projects would require approval of Council.

“CARRIED”

1998 INTERIM PAYMENTS TO PURCHASE SERVICE AGENCIESDEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt a temporary amendment to Section 4.3.8 of the Corporate Policy Manual for 1998 purposes only which would authorize the Regional Treasurer, prior to the approval of the 1998 budget, to advance funds up to 50% of the previous year's allocation to purchase service organizations and agencies providing on-going programs.

“CARRIED”

POLICE SERVICES BOARD REPORT NO. 1FALSE ALARM REDUCTION BY-LAWBOARD RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the False Alarm Reduction By-law adopted by the Ottawa-Carleton Police Services Board.

“CARRIED”

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5

1. CENTRETOWN TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN AND KENT STREET TRAFFIC CALMING CONCEPT PLAN

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve:

1. **that the report prepared by J. P. Braaksma and Associates, entitled *Centretown Traffic Calming Plan and Kent Street Traffic Calming Concept Plan* (Document 1 on file with the Regional Clerk) be approved in principle;**

2. that, subject to technical evaluation, detailed design, and the identification of capital and operating funds, the *Preferred Kent Street Traffic Calming Concept Plan* as illustrated in Annex A and Figure 5.2 of the consultant's report be approved;
3. that, subject to technical evaluation, detailed design, and the identification of capital and operating funds, the *Preferred Traffic Calming Plan* as illustrated in Annex B and Figure 6.1 of the consultant's report be used as a basis for identifying traffic calming measures to be implemented in the Centretown neighbourhood, specifically on streets as detailed in Annexes B and C;
4. that Recommendation 4 be deleted;
5. that the establishment of implementation priorities and assessment criteria include, where appropriate, input from area residents and local business representatives, and people with disabilities;
6. subject to detailed design, a pilot project for Lyon Street be approved for 1998 with speed humps between Somerset and Catherine, and a raised intersection at Gladstone and Lyon;
7. tree planting is an essential part of traffic calming and tree locations will be incorporated into the design of traffic calming measures;
8. reconstruction projects proposed for streets that are on the list for traffic calming should include funds for implementation in the project budgets.

“CARRIED”

2. TAX EXEMPT TRANSIT PASS

COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve the following:

1. That Regional Council endorses the employer provided tax-exempt transit pass;

2. That the Regional Chair, on behalf of the residents of Ottawa-Carleton, request the Federal Government to make employer provided transit passes income tax-exempt;
3. That each member of council writes their own Member of Parliament (MP), asking them to support tax-exempt employer provided transit passes;
4. That each member of council make this issue broadly available to their constituents - for example, including information in community newspapers, encouraging constituents to contact their MP;
5. That Regional Councillors support the National Task Force Promoting Employer Provided Tax-Exempt Transit Passes by providing French translation of material, one page per Councillor;
6. That Regional Council support the National Task Force Promoting Employer Provided Tax-Exempt Transit Passes by participating in upcoming meetings with Ministers of Parliament - when possible;
7. That recommendation 7 be deleted.

“CARRIED”

3. ROADS: MINIMUM ROAD MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council:

1. Approve in principle the draft minimum road maintenance standards attached as Annex “A”;
2. Advise the Ministry of Transportation that in Council’s opinion;
 - (a) A minimum standard for “road and bridge inspection” should be included in the standards;

- (b) It is believed that the minimum standards, with subsection 284(1.4), will provide the intended liability protection for Municipalities;
 - (c) A Municipality may rely on subsection 284(1.4) and the minimum standards to avoid liability, even if it adopts higher standards, and;
3. Forward to the Ministry of Transportation suggestions and comments about specific standards as contained in this Report, in addition to the comments received from the Regional Cycling Advisory Group (RCAG).

“CARRIED”

BY-LAWS

ALL BY-LAWS ENACTED AND PASSED.

MOTIONS

MOTION NO. 87

Moved by Councillor A. Munter
Seconded by Councillor P. Hume

WHEREAS Ottawa-Carleton Regional Council believes it is important to make itself accessible and available to residents across the region; and

WHEREAS it is in the interests of democracy and participation that as many citizens as possible have an opportunity to monitor and participate in the democratic process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council will, from time to time, move its meetings out of the Ottawa-Carleton Centre and into the community, in church halls, school gyms or other community venues; and

FURTHER THAT there be at least one meeting in each of the region's 11 municipalities over the course of this term of Council.

“WITHDRAWN”

MOTION NO. 89

Moved by Councillor M. McGoldrick-Larsen
Seconded by Councillor A. Munter

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton wishes to support the House of Commons in their initiative to recognize the contribution of our military;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in recognition of the contribution of members of the Canadian Forces to the protection of Canadian sovereignty, United Nations peacekeeping missions, the NATO alliance, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and search and rescue operations, the Regional Council wishes to communicate to the House of Commons its support of the motion to proclaim June 15 as "Canadian Forces Day".

“CARRIED”

MOTION NO. 91

Moved by Councillor A. Loney
Seconded by Councillor G. Hunter

WHEREAS the Province has recently announced significant changes to the new property assessment and taxation system to be implemented in 1998 that are yet undefined, and

WHEREAS the Province has announced that the final assessment roll for 1998 property taxation purposes will not be available until the beginning of June, 1998, and

WHEREAS the Province has been yet unable to provide a complete modeling tool necessary for municipalities to undertake the analysis necessary to support their new policy setting roles in property taxation, and

WHEREAS these issues prevent the Finance Department from proceeding substantively in the development of policy options for Council consideration,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that a letter be sent to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs registering Council's concern over the lack of time being left for municipal council's to deal with their new and significant tax policy responsibilities for 1998 and the ability of municipalities to issue tax bills in a timely manner, and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the Minister of Finance be requested to provide through regulation for municipalities to issue second interim tax bills in order that the cash flow requirements of municipalities can be supported despite significant delays in the issuance of final tax bills, and

FINALLY, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with a request that the Association also raise these concerns with the Province.

“CARRIED”