

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF
OTTAWA-CARLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton met at Haydon Hall, Regional Headquarters, 111 Lisgar Street, Ottawa on Wednesday, 9 December 1998 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 p.m. and opened with the singing of the National Anthem, sung by the students of Canterbury High School.

The Regional Chair, Robert Chiarelli, presided and lead council in prayer.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT EXCEPT COUNCILLORS STEWART AND HUME.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 25 November 1998 were confirmed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM PRIOR MEETINGS
OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

No declaration of interest were filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mac Harb, M. P., Ottawa Centre, thanking the Regional Clerk for her letter of Regional Council's support for Bill S-13, The Tobacco Industry Responsibility Act. He points out that the bill directs funds raised from the levy imposed on tobacco companies towards smoke reduction and prevention programs for youth.
2. The Town of Richmond Hill forwarding their resolution objecting to Bill 79 and stating that all taxpayers of Ontario should enjoy the benefits of fair taxation, and fair distribution of taxation.
3. The Honourable Ernie Eves, Minister of Finance informing the Regional Chair of his tabling for the Fairness for Property Tax Payers Act, 1998, to allow municipalities to implement property tax reform in a fair and manageable way that will protect taxpayers, especially small businesses, from the significant impacts of reform. Mr. Eves office will be arranging a meeting with the Regional Chair in order to discuss and find solutions to the unique circumstances of our Region and to ensure that property tax reform is implemented in a fair and least disruptive manner for the taxpayers.
4. Deputy Clerk, City of Gloucester, providing Regional Council with a copy of two motions regarding governance:
 - (A) Advising that Gloucester and Cumberland wish to amalgamate and that they adopt the following as their preferred option.

First preference -	3 city model
Second preference -	4 city model
 - (B) A motion inviting the region and all local municipalities to participate in a plebiscite on restructuring in the spring, 1999, and that the following option be on the ballot:
 - 3-4 city model
 - one city model

5. J. Douglas Hindson, providing his comments with respect to the proposal to designate the Rideau River as part of the Canadian Heritage River System. Mr. Hindson points out the concerns in proceeding with the heritage designation, among them: intrusion of the Federal government in local planning (land use) and resource management; the criteria of a stakeholder's Council of unelected government bureaucrats and special interest groups and with no legislation governing Canadian Heritage River Systems, there is no certainty of what can be expected from a body of unelected persons. In conclusion, while he supports heritage and tourism initiatives, he rejects the risks associated with this proposal which he feels are intrusive, undemocratic and a potential threat to the rights of private land owners.
(*Item 2, Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 on today's agenda refers*)

*** COMMUNICATIONS HELD ON FILE WITH THE REGIONAL CLERK.**

REGRETS

The following members of Council advising that they will be absent from Council and Committee meetings during the dates indicated:

Councillor W. Stewart
Councillor P. Hume

9 December 1998
9 December 1998 (Regional Business)

POSTPONEMENTS AND DEFERRALS**MOTION NO. 303**

Moved by Councillor C. Doucet
Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

WHEREAS the Region has the delegated responsibility for residential development and this development depends on adequate educational facilities;

WHEREAS there is a concern about inadequate suburban public education facilities throughout our region ;

WHEREAS suburban regional planning and development is based on the availability of schools for new residents and the Region is responsible for ensuring this availability, prior to approving developments;

WHEREAS intensification of residential development within the greenbelt is an Official Plan priority and it has come to our attention that many inner-city schools are slated for closure by the Provincial Government;

THEFEFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

- 1. discuss facilities in place;**
- 2. discuss the implications for regional planning and development priorities of school closures within the Greenbelt and inadequate facilities in the suburban municipalities and possible actions to mitigate the impact of school closures and consequent loss of public space.**

At the request of the mover and seconder and with the consent of Council, Motion No. 303 was "WITHDRAWN".

Remarks by Councillor Al Loney on the Occasion of the Award of the Lieutenant-Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration to Mervyn Beckstead, Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Chair, members of Council;

Earlier today, we were all present when the lieutenant-governor of Ontario, presented the Chief Administrative Officer, Merv Beckstead, with the 1998 medal of distinction in public administration. In receiving this award, Mr. Beckstead is not only honoured for his long and successful career in municipal administration but indeed brings honour to the Region of Ottawa-Carleton.

While the institute of public administration of Canada and Deloitte and Touche have selected Mr. Beckstead to receive the award for his exemplary contribution to local government over 40 years, his role during the January ice storm was the benchmark that will serve future leaders.

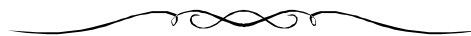
As the regional chair stated earlier: "the region of Ottawa-Carleton provided the kind of leadership that inspired confidence. Merv Beckstead's leadership, in particular was pivotal to the success of the region's response."

During the time that I have had the pleasure of working with Merv, first in Nepean in 1973, and later at the region, he has demonstrated many qualities. Two quickly come to mind. The first is his quest for continual improvement and as an agent of change. His legacy upon leaving his first major position with the public utilities commission in Sault Ste Marie was the installation of a new computerized financial system for the utility. His striving to "make it better" continues today even in the current climate of budgetary uncertainty.

The second is his ability to bring people together, whether team building in the workplace or in the loyalty he inspires amongst his legion of friends, and family, many of whom joined him today and are a testament to his integrity, fairness, consideration of others and above all his sense of humour.

Finally, Mr. Chair, with the leave of council I would move seconded by Councillor Gord Hunter that the remarks concerning Mr. Beckstead we have heard today, from the Lieutenant-Governor and Regional Chair, be incorporated into the permanent record of the proceedings of this meeting.

"CARRIED"



Remarks by her Honour, Hilary Weston, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario

Chair, your Worships, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, it is a great pleasure to be with you at Ottawa-Carleton Regional Headquarters today for this special presentation.

I believe it was Mark Twain who once said that “everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it.” Obviously, he had not experienced the Ice Storm of last January. Obviously, he had not met Mervyn Beckstead.

During those dark, bleak days last January when the Ottawa-Carleton Region was paralyzed in cascades of ice...Merv Beckstead and his more than 25 years of experience as a public administrator, were put to the test.

It may not be in his jurisdiction to “change the weather” but by golly, Mr. Beckstead could certainly galvanize the municipal machine of the Region “to respond to it”. And the citizens of the Region were the ones who reaped the rewards of his expertise and winning manner.

All the skills that Mervyn Beckstead had developed since the early days of his career in the Public Utilities field in Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa and Nepean... all the lessons he had learned in his twenty-two years with the City of Nepean...all the respect he had earned as Chief Administrator of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and as part of the Ontario “Who does What” Commission...not to mention his vast experience with the power of Mother Nature having grown up on a farm, put him in an excellent position to determine “who did what” with effectiveness, grace and humour in one of the greatest natural disasters in Canadian history.

In the name of the Queen and on behalf of the people of Ontario, it gives me great pleasure to be here today for the presentation of the Lieutenant Governor’s Medal of Distinction in Public Administration to Mervyn Beckstead.

It is said that “*every calling is great ~ when greatly pursued*”. Mr. Beckstead, you stand as a shining example to all of us of just what can be achieved by the Chief Administrator of a municipality - both day to day, and in a crisis situation.

Just a word of warning to the Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. Last year’s recipient of this award was the Chief Administrative Officer for Hamilton-Wentworth. Since then, it appears the provincial government has scooped him up...because Michael Fenn is with us here today as Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. So, just a word of warning to Ottawa-Carleton; I wouldn’t let Mr. Beckstead out of sight, Ladies and Gentlemen, because obviously “the Province” is always watching.
Thank you.

Remark’s by Robert Chiarelli, Regional Chair

Your Honour, Mr. Beckstead, Representatives of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Ladies and Gentlemen;

Merv's official title is the bureaucratic sounding, "Chief Administrative Officer", but those who have the privilege of working with him over the years know him as a very human person. Merv never left behind the values he learned in rural Ontario - of common sense, dedication to duty and a deep caring for others, nor has he lost his love of country music nor his ever-present sense of humour.

Today Mr. Beckstead manages an annual budget of almost one and a half billion dollars a year, operating and capital, oversees 7,500 employees including public transit and police, and serves the 750,000 residents of Ottawa-Carleton. Perhaps Merv Beckstead's greatest challenge and his greatest success was last January.

A communities strength is in its ability to come together in a time of crisis and emergency and this was never more clearly demonstrated than during the unprecedented ice storm in January 1998. The Region of Ottawa-Carleton provided the kind of leadership that inspired confidence. Merv Beckstead's leadership, was pivotal to the success of the Region's response.

Merv's steadfast and compelling competence and judgement anticipated the evolving problems and helped mobilize our community for action. The preparedness and emerging response of the Regional government allowed planned and managed actions to be implemented to meet the needs of residents. Communication with the public was critical and very superbly executed.

We are proud to have Merv Beckstead as our Chief Administrative Officer. He has proven to be a predictably prudent and able manager during very unpredictable times. He approaches each challenge with some amount of levity, but also with great perseverance and insight. He has always stood on sound and forthright principles and insists on openness and fairness in his dealing with both staff and elected representatives.

Merv served the City of Nepean for 22 years, the last 13 as Chief Administrative Officer. Former long time serving Mayor Ben Franklin says of Merv Beckstead; "As Nepean's first Chief Administrative Officer Merv's outstanding abilities as Chief Administrative Officer played a major role in Nepean's current success. He has outstanding abilities. He understands clearly the big picture. He is a team player and people enjoy working for and with him. While Merv's departing was a great loss to Nepean I actively supported his appointment at the Region. He has much to offer the people of Ottawa-Carleton. Merv is truly deserving of the recognition."

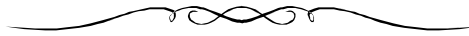
Mr. Beckstead has served on many municipal and provincial task forces and committees. He believes there is an important role for municipal government in the 21st century. His ideas and actions, and his tireless efforts to work for real change exemplify his true contributions to public service in Ontario.

His candor, strong convictions and ongoing efforts to search out and develop new service delivery models are all part of his efforts to see municipal government well positioned to meet the

challenges and opportunities that are most certainly ahead. Merv is truly a worthy recipient of this award and it is with great sincerity that I ask you to join me in congratulating him on this achievement.

It's my pleasure to invite her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Hilary Weston, and Merv Beckstead for the presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.

It's now my great honour to introduce the hardest working Chief Administrative Officer in Canada, Merv Beckstead.



MOTION TO INTRODUCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION NO. 304

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

RESOLVED THAT 1999 Budget Sub-Committee Report No. 1; Community Services Committee Report No. 21; Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 26 and Nos. 27 and 28 (IN CAMERA); Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 and Transportation Committee Report No. 26 be received and considered and that the rules of procedure be suspended so that Council may receive and consider Community Services Committee Report No. 22 and Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 21.

“CARRIED”

(COMMITTEE REPORTS BEGIN ON PAGE)

1. 1999 BUDGET REVIEW SCHEDULESUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the proposed 1999 Budget Review Schedule.

“CARRIED”

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 211. INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF AMBULANCE RESPONSE TIMESCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

THAT COUNCIL advise the Minister of Health that the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton is prepared to take on the responsibility for ambulance service in Ottawa-Carleton and wishes to work cooperatively with the Ministry of Health to resolve the outstanding issues, specifically, the need for local control of dispatch and the need for adequate financial resources to deliver this service; and,

THAT COUNCIL request that the Province appoint a mediator, who would work with the Region and the Ministry to satisfactorily resolve these matters; and,

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Ottawa-Carleton M.P.P.s the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the neighbouring county councils.

“CARRIED” with Councillor van den Ham dissenting on the appointment of a mediator.

2. SUCCESS BY SIX: A PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION INITIATIVE FOR OTTAWA-CARLETONCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve that \$50,000 be allocated from Social Services 1998 National Child Benefit (NCB) savings on a one-time basis for the development of a Community Action Plan for an early intervention initiative in Ottawa-Carleton.

“CARRIED”

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 221. **IMPACTS OF SCHOOL CLOSURES ON REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED**

1. **WHEREAS unlike Toronto, Hamilton-Wentworth, Peel and other Ontario municipalities, the forced amalgamation of school boards in Ottawa-Carleton has combined historic central boards, containing schools dating back to the founding of the city, with new boards serving the newest areas of the Region; nor in the past has this ever been done as the idea has always been accepted that you cannot compare the needs of these two very different urban areas; and as the Taman Provincial Commission stated in 1991, the needs of outer communities should not be linked to those of the inner city communities; and,**

WHEREAS local property taxpayers paid entirely or partially for schools in our community and the Province's funding formula requires local school boards to liquidate these valuable, locally-paid-for assets with proceeds accruing to the provincial government; and,

WHEREAS community programs are able to pay rent to the Boards for the use of temporarily surplus facilities and thereby help school boards fund important community programs; and,

WHEREAS even if school boards close every single space labeled as "excess" they are still not guaranteed any funds for new school construction and would be required to borrow money to build new schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regional Council oppose this forced removal of valuable local assets and offer to work with the school boards to develop proposals to maintain all locally-owned schools under school board or municipal control; and,

THAT schools that are operating on a no-cost basis to the school boards or are rented out and generating revenues for the boards should be allowed to continue as long as an agreement is signed permitting the immediate return to school use should that need be identified; and,

THAT the provincial funding formula be amended as was recently done for operating costs to reflect 80% capacity and ESL, FSL education, child care, adult education and other no-cost community rentals be included in this formula; and,

THAT new school construction not be tied to closures of schools in other areas of the Region and that new construction of needed new schools begin immediately; and,

THAT, since the Province would not be covering the full cost of new school buildings even if school boards close schools and would require instead that the boards borrow to finance new construction, the Province be requested to proceed with the use of such debentures immediately to deal with the needs of new communities; and,

THAT staff be directed to draft an Official Plan amendment that would protect schools.

2. That Council request that the school boards, as part of their studies, account for the future potential of increased school enrollments represented by large parcels of residential land within the National Capital Commission Greenbelt such as LeBreton Flats, Rockcliffe Air Base and other potential sites.
3. That school boards be encouraged to use projections based on demographic data which is community-specific as they consider re-deploying their physical infrastructure.
4. That the Ministry of Community and Social Services be urged to protect the present public investment in child care spaces that are located in schools.
5. That Council express its strong support for the position of the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board, that adult education programs are essential to the fabric of our community and that Council object to a funding formula that does not permit boards to allocate school space to these programs; and,

FURTHER THAT, given that approximately 50% of adult education (English as a Second Language, French as a Second Language) students are social assistance clients, staff be directed to prepare a report on the cost to these clients and to taxpayers of closing the programs.

6. That these resolutions be circulated to all local school boards, all local school trustees, all local MPPs, the Minister of Education and Training and the leaders of all provincial parties.

“CARRIED”

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 26

1. **CONVENTION CENTRE - BUSINESS PLAN**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. **Approve a contribution of \$100,000 as its share of the preparation of a business plan in support of the proposed expansion of Ottawa-Carleton's convention facilities, conditional on Viking Rideau Corporation contributing \$100,000, the Province of Ontario contributing \$125,000, and the Ottawa Congress Centre contributing \$75,000, to the preparation of the plan;**
2. **Approve an expenditure of up to \$50,000 to enable the retention of other expertise required to support the Region's specific interests and negotiating position.**

“CARRIED” with Councillors Hunter and Davis dissenting.

2. **TEMPORARY BORROWING BY-LAW FOR**
1999 CURRENT OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the enactment of a By-law authorizing temporary borrowings for current purposes for the year 1999 in accordance with existing legislation.

“CARRIED”

3. HRIS PROGRAMMING CONTRACTCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the extension of contracts for Human Resources Information System (HRIS) programming services to DGS Information Consultants, Ottawa, and RHI Consulting, Ottawa, in the total amount of \$264,000.

“CARRIED”

4. SURPLUS PROPERTIES, REGION WIDECOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council:

1. **Declare the Region owned properties identified in Annex "A" as being surplus to Regional needs, with the exception of Parcels 12 and 13 which will be deferred until the end of January 1999;**
2. **Authorize the sale of the surplus properties identified in Annex "A" pursuant to Regional policy, with the exception of Parcels 12 and 13 which will be deferred until the end of January 1999.**

“CARRIED”

MOTION NO. 305 TO MOVE IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor A. Loney
Seconded by Councillor W. Byrne

RESOLVED THAT Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report Nos. 27 and 28 and the Report of the Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner RE: Light Rail Project, be considered IN CAMERA pursuant to subsection 11(1) of the procedure By-law, to discuss matters as relates to:

personal matters about an identifiable individual including staff and;

the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

“CARRIED” with Councillor Hunter dissenting.

IN CAMERA SESSION

The Chief Administrative Officer and appropriate staff were present to respond to questions of Council.

MOTION NO. 306

Moved by Councillor C. Doucet
Seconded by Councillor L. Davis

RESOLVED THAT the rules of procedure be suspended in order that Council may receive and consider a report dated 7 December, 1998, from the Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner concerning the light rail pilot project.

“CARRIED” on a division of 13 Yeas to 3 Nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Byrne, van den Ham, Beamish, Munter, Legendre, Holmes, Davis, Meilleur, Doucet, McGoldrick-Larsen, Loney, Kreling and Chair Chiarelli....13

NAYS: Councillors Hunter, Bellemare and Cantin....3
On a motion by Councillor D. Holmes Council arose from In Camera session.

IN OPEN COUNCIL

Council proceeded to adopt the following recommendations and resolutions:

**CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 27****COMPENSATION FEE****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council approve:

1. That Regional staff be directed to seek the imposition of rates of \$10 per tonne for construction and demolition waste and \$16 per tonne for all other waste deposited at the Canadian Waste, Huneault, Springhill and Trail Road Landfills under By-law 234 of 1992;

“CARRIED”

**CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 28**

1. INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER APPOINTMENT
OC TRANSP - EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council and the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Transit Commission approve that the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Transit Commission approve and execute a contract of employment in the general form of the draft agreement attached, as amended by the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee, with Mr. M. J. E. Sheflin as its Environment and Transportation Commissioner and Interim General Manager, Public Transit, respectively.

“CARRIED” with Councillors Davis and Hunter dissenting.
LIGHT RAIL PILOT PROJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Light Rail Pilot Project Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and Canadian Pacific Railway, as summarized in Annex A and attached in full as Annex B.

MOTION NO. 307

Moved by Councillor A. Munter
Seconded by Councillor D. Beamish

RESOLVED THAT the MOU be amended to reflect the following:

That during the Pilot phase ; the total of all operating costs referred to in the document, without exception, be limited to \$3 million.

“CARRIED” with Councillor Holmes dissenting.

MOTION NO. 308

Moved by Councillor A. Munter
Seconded by Councillor R. van den Ham

RESOLVED THAT Section 3.2.4 be clarified to expressly state that the RMOC will not be subject to any cancellation fees for the procurement of rolling stock until after a final binding contract to proceed with this project has been concluded.

“CARRIED” on a division of 7 Yeas to 5 Nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors van den Ham, Beamish, Munter, Meilleur, Hunter, Kreling and Cantin....7

NAYS: Councillors Legendre, Holmes, Davis, Doucet and Chair Chiarelli....5

MOTION NO. 309

Moved by Councillor D. Beamish
Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

RESOLVED THAT the MOU be amended under section 6.2.1 (paragraphs 5 & 6) to read as follows:

CPR shall be responsible for the following service standards:

- departure will never be early, and
- no more than three minutes late.

A minimum of 98% of service will meet this standard. Financial penalties will be levied against CP should they not meet these standards on a monthly basis.

“CARRIED” with Councillors van den Ham and Meilleur dissenting.

The report as amended by Motions Nos. 307, 308 and 309 was then put to Council and “CARRIED” on a division of 9 Yeas to 3 Nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Munter, Legendre, Holmes, Davis, Meilleur, Doucet, Kreling, Cantin and Chair Chiarelli....9

NAYS: Councillors van den Ham, Beamish and Hunter....3

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20**1. PROCESSING FEES FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED**

1. That Council approve the following in accordance with the attached report:

- a. That Council adopt an amendment to the Regional Regulatory Code, Part 6.3, to implement the fees outlined in this report;**
- b. That the new fee will apply to applications submitted after Council adopts this report. Applications in process, will be phased into the new**

fee structure in a way that does not increase their anticipated costs, in accordance with this report.

2. That the report be amended under the criteria for reviewing/adjusting a fee, to include:
 - a community group or concerned resident without the means to pay the full fee.
3. That the fee schedule and the application form clearly indicate that for Regional Official Plan Amendment applications “the Commissioner has discretionary authority to lower this fee”.

MOTION NO. 310

Moved by Councillor J. Legendre
Seconded by Councillor D. Beamish

RESOLVED THAT Item 1 of Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 be amended, by removing as a criteria for Commissioner’s discretion, bullet No. 3 (page 10) which reads as follows:

“The application is in support of a major economic development initiative that will have a significant positive impact in the community.”

“CARRIED” on a division of 14 Yeas to 3 Nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Byrne, Beamish, Legendre, Holmes, Davis, Meilleur, Doucet, McGoldrick-Larsen, Loney, Hill, Kreling, Bellemare, Cantin and Chair Chiarelli....14

NAYS: Councillors van den Ham, Munter and Hunter....3

Item 1 of Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 as amended by Motion No. 310, was then put to Council and “CARRIED”.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE RIDEAU WATERWAY
AS A CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the effort to have the Rideau Waterway from Ottawa to Kingston recognized as a Canadian Heritage River.

MOTION NO. 311

Moved by Councillor B. Hill

Seconded by Councillor R. van den Ham

WHEREAS the Region, as stated in its Public Consultation Policy in effect since 1993, “is committed to ensuring that administrative and policy processes are open and accessible, are respectful of the public’s right to be involved, and are responsive to the public need for information”;

WHEREAS the Region, as part of its business, routinely consults and involves the residents of Ottawa-Carleton in making decisions that have a direct impact on them, over and above the Provincial legislative requirements set out in the *Planning Act*, the *Municipal Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*;

WHEREAS the Region, as part of its Official Plan review, notified, informed and consulted residents, community associations and stakeholder groups on all land designation and policy revisions, over and above the Provincial legislative requirements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL not consider supporting The Canadian Heritage Rivers System’s request to recognize the Rideau Waterway, from Ottawa to Kingston, as a Canadian Heritage River, until the organization has demonstrated that it has informed and consulted the public, including land-owners along the Waterway, of this proposed designation.

“CARRIED” on a division of 9 Yeas to 8 Nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Byrne, van den Ham, Beamish, Davis, Meilleur, Doucet, Hill, Cantin and Chair Chiarelli...9

NAYS: Councillors Munter, Legendre, Holmes, McGoldrick-Larsen, Loney, Hunter, Kreling and Bellemare....8

MOTION NO. 312

Moved by Councillor A. Munter

Seconded by Councillor M. McGoldrick-Larsen

RESOLVED THAT Council consider a motion to reconsider Motion No. 311 to amend Item 2 of Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 - recognition of the Rideau Waterway as a Canadian Heritage River.

“CARRIED” with Councillor Hill dissenting.

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21

1997 REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN: BISSON APPEAL

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve the following modifications to the 1997 Regional Official Plan, for presentation as Council’s position on the Bisson appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board:

- 1) Modify Schedule G to reflect the new flood plain mapping of McKinnon’s Creek, if the new mapping is sufficiently different to show up on the scale of Schedule G of the Regional Official Plan;**
- 2) Modify the designation of Lot 4, Con 11, Cumberland, on Schedule A from Agricultural Resource to a General Rural Area designation, if the soil classification report results in a CLI soil classification of Class 5; and;**

- 3) **Modify Schedule D2 to reduce the right-of-way width for Tenth Line Road from the Orleans urban boundary to Navan Road from 34 m to 30 m (and by implication a similar reduction on Mer Bleue Road, although a width for this road is not shown on Schedule D2), as long as the designation of the abutting property is rural.**

“CARRIED” with Councillor Munter dissenting on recommendation no. 2.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 26

1. **1998 PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PROGRAMME - PHASE 1**
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve that:

1. **as funds become available, traffic control signals be installed at the following intersections in the order that the locations are listed;**
 - a. **Merivale Road and Family Brown Lane;**
 - b. **Bank Street and Lester Road, and;**
 - c. **Blohm Drive and Hunt Club Road;**
2. **the intersection of Holland Avenue and Spencer Street be reviewed for the installation of a traffic control signal;**
3. **as funds become available, an intersection pedestrian signal be installed at Richmond Road on the north side of Dumaurier Avenue and that this installation take priority over the locations proposed in the 1998 Pedestrian Signal and Traffic Control Signal Programme - Phase 1 report; that the pedestrian signal be monitored for six months to determine its effectiveness and to determine if a traffic signal would be necessary.**

“CARRIED”

2. WOODROFFE AND MAIN TRAFFIC STUDY TERMS OF REFERENCECOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve:

1.
 - a) the attached Terms of Reference to undertake a transportation study for the Woodroffe Avenue corridor;
 - b) proceeding with the request for consultants' Letters of Interest to undertake the study, provided funding up to \$60,000 is made available in the 1999 Capital Budget;
2.
 - a) the attached Terms of Reference to undertake a transportation study for Main Street, and;
 - b) proceeding with the request for consultants' Letters of Interest to undertake the study, provided funding up to \$60,000 is made available in the 1999 Capital Budget.
3. That \$280,000 be transferred from the 1998 Transportation Demand Management budget to the 1998 Traffic Calming account for the traffic calming studies approved in 1998 i.e. Murray, Woodroffe, the Glebe and Main.
4. That Annex A of the Woodroffe Avenue Transportation Study Terms of Reference be amended to include the statement: "Diversion of traffic to other roadways, particularly local roadways, is not an option".

"CARRIED"

3. TRANSPORTATION TOMORROW SUMMIT PROCEEDINGSCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council request the Regional Chair to ask the Minister of Transportation to host an urban transportation summit.

"CARRIED"

MOTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION NO. 313

Moved by Councillor M. Bellemare
Seconded by Councillor M. Meilleur

RESOLVED THAT 1999 Budget Sub-committee Report No. 1; Community Services Committee Report Nos. 21 and 22; Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report Nos. 26, Recommendation 1 of Report 27, Report 28 and Report dated 7 December , 1998, from the Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner RE: Light Rail Pilot Project; Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 and 21 and Transportation Committee Report No. 26 be received and adopted as amended, by Motion Nos. 307, 308, 309, 310 and 311. With Item 2 of Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 and Motion No. 311 being subject to reconsideration (see Motion 312).

“CARRIED” with dissents as recorded on various items.

MOTION TO INTRODUCE BY-LAWS

MOTION NO. 314

Moved by Councillor A. Munter
Seconded by Councillor L. Davis

RESOLVED THAT the following by-laws be enacted and passed.

By-law 95 of 1998 to authorize the borrowing of monies not to exceed an amount of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) at any one time in 1999 to meet the current expenditures until levies and other revenues are received.

By-law 96 of 1998 to approve area municipality by-laws regulating traffic on local streets as follows:

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By-law 97 of 1998 to amend By-law No. 1 of 1996 concerning traffic and parking regulations.

“CARRIED”

By-laws enacted and passed.

MOTIONS

MOTION NO. 315

Moved by Councillor M. Meilleur
Seconded by Councillor D. Holmes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the rules of procedure be suspended to permit Councillor Beamish to register his vote on the Hill/van den Ham Motion (Motion No. 311) as a “Nay” as was intended.

With the consent of the mover and seconder, Motion No. 315 was “WITHDRAWN”.

NOTICE OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING)

Moved by Councillor W. Byrne
Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

WHEREAS the Canadian banking industry is a federally regulated industry that has been built with the capital of Canadians and has historically flourished under the protection of federal regulation; and

WHEREAS it is vital to the Canadian economy and the prosperity and security of Canadians that the financial services industry remain stable, sustainable, and accessible; and

WHEREAS bank branches are disappearing from communities, and in some cases being replaced by electronic banking which does not meet the needs of many Canadians; and

WHEREAS small and medium sized businesses, which provide 80% of new jobs in Canada, already have problems obtaining reasonable credit from banks and need more access to credit based on local bank decision making; and

WHEREAS the proposed mergers of Canada’s four biggest banks into two mega banks will result in a concentration of economic power detrimental to federal regulation of the

industry, accountability and customer and commercial choice, and that there is no proof that megabanks will bring benefits or better services to Canadians; and

WHEREAS the collapse of megabanks could seriously harm the Canadian economy; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton urge the federal government to:

- Refuse the proposed bank mergers as unnecessary and not in the best interests of Canadians.
- Enact legislation that ensures banks are accountable to Canadian communities by establishing service and lending benchmarks guaranteed by enforceable undertakings.
- Enact legislation that guarantees everyone living in Canada an account with a deposit taking institution, including the option of a low cost, no frills account and protection from arbitrary and excessive holding of checks, regardless of income, age or handicap.
- Enact legislation that forces the banks to fund a truly independent ombudsperson with the power to make binding rulings.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

MOTION NO. 316

Moved by Councillor G. Hunter

Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

RESOLVED THAT By-law 98 of 1998 to confirm the Proceedings of Council be enacted and passed.

“CARRIED”

By-law enacted and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

CLERK

CHAIR