

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, 11 September, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. and opened in prayer.

The Regional Chair, Peter D. Clark, presided.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 10 July 1996 were confirmed.

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

No declarations of interest were filed.

CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

The Chair, Peter D. Clark called upon the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Merv Beckstead, to come forward and join him in presenting a certificate of bravery to Mr. John Timpson. Mr. Timpson, a Utility Coordinator in the Region's Water Division, and captain of Goulbourn Township's Volunteer Fire Department, entered a burning house in Stittsville. He found Mrs. Bright, who was on the floor surrounded by flames and dragged her out of the home, saving her life. On behalf of Regional Council, Chair Clark announced he was very proud to present this certificate to Mr. Timpson, who acted above and beyond the call of duty.

COMMUNICATIONS*

- I. Benoit Laroche, Census Manager, on behalf of Statistics Canada, extending appreciation for the Region's support of the 1996 Census. The Region made a significant contribution in promoting the Census and providing information to the public.
- II. Mary Catherine Lindberg, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, responding to the Region's recommendations with respect to provincial policy changes to the Drug Benefit Programs. The changes are based on an individual's ability to pay and as a result, 140,000 more low-income earners will be able to receive assistance with unmanageable drug costs. The Ministry's Special Drugs Program is currently under review and no additional drugs or chronic disease conditions will be included in the program at this time.
Community Services Committee Report No. 25, approved by Regional Council on 24 April 1996, refers.
- III. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) forwarding their presentation to the Standing Committee on Social Development regarding Bill 76, *Environment Assessment and Consultation Improvement Act, 1996*.
- IV. Ghislaine Monette, extending thanks to the Region, on behalf of the parents of pupils who attend St-Laurent school in Carlsbad Springs, for approving a four-way stop installed at the intersection of Russell and Boundary Roads. She feels the vehicle speed has been greatly reduced, thereby increasing the safety for the school children and residents of the village.

- V. The Honourable David Dingwall, Minister of Health, responding to the Region's correspondence concerning Bill C-222, amendments to the *Food and Drugs Act*, to require warning labels on containers of alcoholic beverages. He advises that since 1992, initiatives have been made to address the various aspects of fetal alcohol syndrome, through brochures, conferences, workshops and a national symposium. There are still a number of questions about this Bill that need to be answered. He therefore supports the ongoing study of the Bill by the Standing Committee on Health. **Item 3 of Community Services Committee Report No. 29, approved by Regional Council on 12 June 1996, refers.**
- VI. Correspondence received from the following, with respect to RMO Council Motion No. 210 which deals with bilingual traffic signage:
- City of Woodstock (**noted and filed**)
 - Town of Tillsonburg (**endorsed**)
 - Town of Penetanguishene (**supports in part**)
 - City of Mississauga (**referred to Transportation and Works Department for a report on implications and costs**)
 - Township of West Lincoln (**for information**)
 - Town of Midland (**endorsed**)
 - Township of Roxborough (**no support**)
 - United Counties of Prescott and Russell (**endorsed**)
 - City of St. Catharines (**received for information**)
 - Town of Ancaster (**received for information**)
 - The Corporation of the Village of St. Isidore (**endorsed**)
 - The Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury (**endorsed**)
 - City of Belleville (**for information**)
 - Town of Goderich (**endorsed**)
 - Town of Aurora (**received for information**)
- VII. David Brault, President, The Humane Society of Ottawa-Carleton, advising they are working with staff at the Region on solutions for funding Animal Pound services in 1997. They would like to play a more pro-active role at both staff and board levels in an effort to avoid closing a facility which aids residents and animals.
- VIII. Wayne Beaudoin, Manager, Government Relations & Major Accounts, Laidlaw Waste Systems, responding to a recent article that appeared in the Ottawa Sun, criticizing Regional Headquarters for not recycling all of the items allowed in the residential blue box. The article insinuated that Laidlaw was the contractor for these services. He wishes to clarify that Laidlaw is not the contractor supplying the commercial recycling services to 111 Lisgar.

- IX. Bryon Wilfert, newly elected President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with updates from the recent conference in Calgary. He invites comments and suggestions.
- X. Grete Hale, President and Barbara McInnes, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Ottawa-Carleton forwarding a copy of their annual report which provides an overview of the activities and financial status of the Foundation to the end of 1995.
- XI. Outaouais Urban Community forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by their Members of Council, informing there is nothing to be gained by meeting with the R.M.O.C. on the widening of the Champlain Bridge. As such, they reject the request by R.M.O.C. to participate in such an information session. **Item 5, Transportation Committee Report No. 32, approved by Regional Council on 10 July 1996, refers.**
- XII. National Capital Commission advising the NCC Board of Directors approved a motion to have a public meeting organized by the CUO and RMOC on interprovincial traffic, with a specific focus on the Champlain Bridge. NCC Commission Members are to be invited to attend as part of the audience. The timing of the meeting shall be 3 September 1996 for the Intention of Decision and 15 October 1996 for the final decision. . **Item 5, Transportation Committee Report No. 32, approved by Regional Council on 10 July 1996, 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 R. Cantin

19 September 1996

MOTION TO INTRODUCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION NO. 241**

Moved by Councillor J. Legendre
Seconded by Councillor M. Meilleur

RESOLVED THAT Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 40 and 41 (In Camera); Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 40 and Transportation Committee Report No: 33 be received and considered and that the Rules of Procedure be suspended so that Council may consider Community Services Committee Report No. 32.

“CARRIED” with Councillor Hume dissenting on suspension of the Rules of Procedure to consider Community Services Committee Report No. 32.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 32

1. "NEW DIRECTIONS" DISCUSSION PAPER ON TENANT PROTECTION LEGISLATION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That the RMOC respond to the Provincial Government's consultation paper "New Directions" on proposed tenant protection legislation by adopting the following Resolutions:

1. **WHEREAS the RMOC has 46% of its population in rental housing (among the highest municipalities in Ontario);**

WHEREAS regional staff, in their *Background Paper on Rental Housing in Ottawa-Carleton*, have indicated that there is currently a crisis in the supply of affordable rental housing in Ottawa-Carleton;

WHEREAS according to provincial studies, each year 25% of tenants move, with the effect that within 5 years over 70% of rental units have new tenants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT rent control be consistently applied to both occupied and vacant units.

2. **WHEREAS since 1976, the RMOC's Official Plan has had a policy (Section 6.2.2.2, policy 8) governing rental housing conversion, permitting such conversions only when vacancy rates exceed 3% in order to protect rental housing stock;**

WHEREAS regional staff, in their *Background Paper on Rental Housing in Ottawa-Carleton* have indicated that there is currently a crisis in the supply of affordable rental housing in Ottawa-Carleton;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RMOC continue to have the authority to control the loss of rental units due to conversions;

AND THAT the RMOC continue to have the ability to impose conditions when dealing with such proposals.

At the request of Council, the items were divided.

Recommendation 1 was put to Council and "CARRIED" on a division of 9 yeas to 7 nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors McGarry, Holmes, Cullen, Legendre, Meilleur, Davis, Munter, Loney and Bellemare...9

NAYS: Councillors van den Ham, Pratt, Cantin, Kreling, Stewart, Hume and Chair Clark...7

Recommendation 2 was put to Council and "CARRIED" with Councillor Hume dissenting.

**CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. 40**1. PLAZA BRIDGE - CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS****That Council approve:**

1. The establishment of a new Capital Budget Authority in the 1996 Budget in the amount of \$500,000, fully recoverable from Public Works and Government Services Canada;
2. The appointment of McNeely Engineering Consultants Limited, Ottawa-Carleton, to provide professional engineering and related services to consider the feasibility of rehabilitation of the existing structure and replacement alternatives for the Plaza Bridge, connecting Wellington Street to Rideau Street across the Rideau Canal for a total contract provision of \$300,000.

“CARRIED”2. CASH INVESTMENTS AND LOANS RECEIVABLE
(AS OF 5 JULY 1996)**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive this report for information.****“RECEIVED”**3. CASH INVESTMENTS AND LOANS RECEIVABLE
(AS OF 9 AUGUST 1996)**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****That Council receive this report for information.****“RECEIVED”**

4. 1996 REPORT ON THE CLOSING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED**

That Council authorize the Finance Commissioner to make the financing adjustments required to effect the closing of capital projects, with the exception of Project No. 41803, Mer Bleue Feedermain, which will remain open.

“CARRIED” with Councillor Hill dissenting.

5. ALGONQUIN LAND CLAIM - CONSULTATION WITH MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING NEGOTIATION PROCESS**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive this report for information.

“RECEIVED”

6. GRANTS REQUEST OUTSIDE REGULAR GRANTS PROCESS: B'NAI BRITH CANADA - THE EMPEROR OF ATLANTIS OPERA**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve a grant request in the amount of \$4,000 for the B'nai Brith's Emperor of Atlantis Opera, with the funds to be provided from the Provision for Unforeseen.

“CARRIED” with Councillors Hill and Hume dissenting.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 411. DECISION OF THE DIVISIONAL COURT - MARION DEWAR AND JUDITH HUNTER APPLICATION - APPEAL**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive this report for information.

“RECEIVED”

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 40

1. AMENDMENT NO. 20 TO CITY OF OTTAWA OFFICIAL PLAN AND DEFERRAL NO. 14 TO CITY OF OTTAWA COMPREHENSIVE OFFICIAL PLAN

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. **Approve, with modifications, Official Plan Amendment 20 as per the Approval Page attached as Annex A;**
2. **Lift Deferral No. 14 to the City of Ottawa Official Plan, 1991 and approve the pertinent text as per the Approval Page attached as Annex B.**

“CARRIED”

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 33

1. BASELINE ROAD - HOME DEPOT ACCESS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve BA Consulting Group Limited figure 2 for an additional eastbound lane on Baseline Road to accommodate the proposed Home Depot Development site, subject to the Owner:

1. **Paying the total cost of all work associated with the required modifications and;**
2. **Executing a legal agreement with respect to recommendation 1;**

subject to a public hearing if required.

“CARRIED”

2. INTERSECTION MODIFICATION - RICHMOND ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD 36)
AND LYNHAR ROAD/STAFFORD ROAD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the road widening on the west side of Richmond Road as illustrated in Annex A, subject to a public hearing if required.

“CARRIED” with Councillors Holmes and Legendre dissenting.

3. MEDIAN MODIFICATION - 2260 WALKLEY ROAD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED

That Council approve a 9 m cut back of the median on Walkley Road which is located 18 m east of Audrey Avenue, subject to the proponent:

1. **Funding the total cost of the proposed road work and;**
2. **Executing a legal agreement with respect to 1. above.**

MOTION NO. 242

Moved by Councillor P. Hume
Seconded by Councillor W. Stewart

RESOLVED THAT Item 3 of Transportation Committee Report No. 33 be amended to read that the cut back of the medium on Walkley Road be set at 7 metres.

“CARRIED” on a division of 10 yeas to 8 nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors Holmes, Cullen, Hunter, Beamish, Davis, Munter, Stewart, Hume, Bellemare and Chair Clark...10

NAYS: Councillors van den Ham, McGarry, Legendre, Pratt, Hill, Loney, Cantin and Kreling...8

Item 3 of Transportation Committee Report No. 33, as amended by Motion No. 242 was then put to Council and “CARRIED”.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION NO. 243**

Moved by Councillor M. Bellemare
Seconded by Councillor D. Beamish

RESOLVED THAT Community Services Committee Report No. 32; Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 40 and 41; Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 40 and Transportation Committee Report No: 33 be received and adopted as amended by Motion No. 242.

“CARRIED” with dissents as recorded on various items.

MOTION TO INTRODUCE BY-LAWS**MOTION NO. 244**

Moved by Councillor G. Hunter
Seconded by Councillor H. Kreling

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

By-law No. 56 of 1996 to stop up, close and authorize the sale of part of Knoxdale Road at Greenbank Road, in the City of Nepean and more particularly described in Schedule “A” hereto.

By-law No. 57 of 1996 to authorize the levy of sums required for the repayment of debenture number 96-8 issued in the amount of \$27,000.00 to aid in the construction of tile drainage works in The Corporation of the Township of Cumberland, The Corporation of the Township of Osgoode and The Corporation of the Township of West Carleton.

By-law No. 58 of 1996 to amend By-law No. 1 of 1996 concerning traffic and parking regulations.

By-law No. 59 of 1996 to approve area municipality by-laws regulating traffic on local streets as follows:

Township of Cumberland

55-96

70-96

City of Gloucester	55 of 1996
	69 of 1996
	70 of 1996
	79 of 1996
	80 of 1996
	109 of 1996
	110 of 1996
	113 of 1996
	114 of 1996
	City of Nepean
City of Ottawa	148-96

By-law No. 60 of 1996 to assume for public use and establish as common and public highways certain lands to become part of the Regional Road System.

“CARRIED”

By-laws enacted and passed.

MOTIONS

MOTION NO. 245

Moved by Councillor A. Cullen
Seconded by Councillor B. McGarry

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has indicated that municipalities in Ontario will be restructured and reduced in number;

WHEREAS municipalities in Ottawa-Carleton are currently examining various models of municipal governance for the region;

WHEREAS there exists an opportunity to present to the public a range of choices in municipal structure, in order to elicit their preference, through placing a question (or series of questions) on the ballot for the 1997 municipal elections;

WHEREAS one municipality in Ottawa-Carleton has indicated its interest in placing such a question on its ballot for the 1997 municipal elections;

WHEREAS in order to assure full and fair debate across the region, and the participation of all electors throughout the region, on the matter of the most appropriate municipal governance for Ottawa-Carleton, it is preferable that a common question (or series of questions) be placed on the ballot for all municipalities in Ottawa-Carleton for the 1997 municipal elections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton endorse the concept of a common question (or series of questions) on the topic of municipal governance for Ottawa-Carleton to be placed on the ballot for all the municipalities in Ottawa-Carleton for the 1997 municipal elections;

THAT this position be communicated to all municipal councils within Ottawa-Carleton, inviting their participation in developing a common question (or series of questions) on this matter;

THAT the Regional Chair approach the Ottawa-Carleton Mayors' Forum to discuss the process by which such a question (or series of questions) could be developed;

THAT such a question (or series of questions) should include (at least) reference to one-tier government, other forms of possible municipal governance (i.e. 3 cities, etc.), and the status quo;

AND THAT the Regional Chair report to Regional Council on progress made in this regard no later than the first Regional Council meeting in October, 1996.

At the request of the Mover and Seconder, and with the consent of Council, Motion No. 245 was amended by deleting reference to the Regional Chair approaching the Ottawa-Carleton Mayor's Forum to discuss process and by changing the date from October to December 1996 for a report back to Council.

As amended by the foregoing, Motion No. 245 was then **DEFERRED BY THE FOLLOWING MOTION:**

MOTION NO. 246

Moved by Councillor P. Hume
Seconded by Councillor D. Pratt

WHEREAS under existing legislation, election ballots, plebiscites, and, in particular, the wording of such plebiscites, are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the area municipalities;

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs has indicated his intention to introduce a new Municipal Act and amendments to the Elections Act that would confer such jurisdiction to regional municipalities;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa Council has deferred further consideration of a report by its Chief Administrative Officer entitled Municipal Government Reform -One-Tier Government Review pending consultation with other area municipalities on the proposal of a plebiscite with a common set of questions;

WHEREAS given the absence of a public report, it would seem the results of the above mentioned consultation have not yet been finalized, and;

WHEREAS there has yet to be an agreement, between the Mayors of the eleven area municipalities, on a common set of questions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council defer consideration of Motion No. 245 until such a time as the Minister of Municipal Affairs has introduced a new Municipal Act and made the necessary amendments to the Elections Act thus conferring upon Regional Municipalities legislated authority in this matter.

“CARRIED” on a division of 13 yeas to 6 nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors van den Ham, Holmes, Legendre, Pratt, Hill, Meilleur, Munter, Loney, Cantin, Kreling, Hume, Bellemare and Chair Clark...13

NAYS: Councillors McGarry, Cullen, Hunter, Beamish, Davis and Stewart...6

MOTION NO. 247

Moved by Councillor W. Stewart
Seconded by Councillor L. Davis

RESOLVED THAT the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order that Council may consider the following Motion (Motion No. 248) with respect to the designation of the Central Experimental Farm.

“CARRIED”

MOTION NO. 248

Moved by Councillor W. Stewart
Seconded by Councillor D. Holmes

WHEREAS the Central Experimental Farm has been a vital and historic part of the fabric of our Region since being established under the Experimental Farm Station Act of 1886, to lead the nation's agricultural research projects and provide information, advice and leadership to rural Canada;

WHEREAS the Farm is unique in its setting, a historic agricultural landscape within the boundaries of our Region;

WHEREAS in addition to its agricultural function, the Farm is distinguished by the presence of dozens of buildings of architectural and heritage interest;

WHEREAS the Farm has established a tradition of sharing its Ornamental Gardens, Arboretum, livestock, buildings and fields with the residents of our Region, and has been a big part of our tourist industry over many years;

WHEREAS the Federal Government of Canada has indicated that the Central Experimental Farm may soon be dismantled and some of the historic buildings on the site considered for demolition;

WHEREAS the dismantling of the lands will ultimately result in the disposal of extra land or lands declared surplus to the interests of Agriculture Canada;

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has endorsed a recommendation of the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee to preserve this historic site;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton request the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to examine the Central Experimental Farm for designation as a cultural landscape of national historic significance and communicate to the Federal Government the need to preserve this historic site.

“CARRIED” with Councillors Beamish, Hume and van den Ham dissenting.

MOTION NO. 249

Moved by Councillor R. Cantin
Seconded by Councillor H. Kreling

RESOLVED THAT Council go In Camera to receive a briefing as it relates to labour relations or employee negotiations.

“CARRIED” on a division of 12 yeas to 2 nays as follows:

YEAS: Councillors McGarry, Holmes, Legendre, Pratt, Meilleur, Munter, Loney, Cantin, Kreling, Stewart, Hume and Bellemare...12

NAYS: Councillors Cullen and Chair Clark...2

IN CAMERA SESSION

On a Motion by Councillor Hunter, Council arose from In Camera Session.

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

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

WHEREAS on October 3 - 5, 1996, an International Conference on Land Mines is being hosted in Ottawa, by the Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Sixty countries have expressed interest NGO's and churches will also be sending delegates;

AND WHEREAS anti personnel land mines (APMs) are constantly making innocent victims of children and adults, destroying the economic assets of rural populations and hindering the normal development of society as a whole;

AND WHEREAS Canada is working with other like-minded states and with Canadian and international non-governmental organizations (NGO's) to promote a rapidly growing international campaign which seeks to effect a comprehensive global ban on APMs;

AND WHEREAS the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence announced a Canadian moratorium on the production, export and operational use of APMs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council extend its congratulations to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence for taking international leadership in announcing the moratorium;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Regional Council support the initiatives taken by the Canadian Government in banning APMs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Regional Council encourage area municipalities to enact by-laws which would ban APMs and in so doing make Ottawa-Carleton Canada's first officially land-mine free zone.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

MOTION NO. 250

Moved by Councillor A. Loney
Seconded by Councillor R. Cantin

RESOLVED THAT By-law 61 of 1996 to confirm the proceedings of Council be enacted and passed.

“CARRIED”

By-law enacted and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

CLERK

CHAIR