8. YEAR 2000 CAPITAL PROJECT - BUDGET UPDATE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the Year 2000 Task Force request for pre-approval of the 2000 budget of the Year 2000 Capital Project in the amount of \$3,280,000.

DOCUMENTATION:

- 1. Finance Commissioner's report dated 18 Jun 99 is immediately attached.
- 2. Extract of Draft Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Minute, 06 Jul 99, immediately follows the report and includes a record of the vote.

REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON RÉGION D'OTTAWA-CARLETON

REPORT RAPPORT

Our File/N/Réf. Your File/V/Réf.

DATE 18 June 1999

TO/DEST. Co-ordinator

Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Finance Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET YEAR 2000 CAPITAL PROJECT - BUDGET UPDATE

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the Year 2000 Task Force request for pre-approval of the 2000 budget of the Year 2000 Capital Project in the amount of \$3,280,000.

BACKGROUND

On 11 February 1998 Council approved a budget of \$19,280,000 for the Year 2000 Program at the Region of Ottawa-Carleton, with a 1998 spending allocation of \$7,900,000. On 25 November 1998 Council pre-approved the 1999 spending allocation of \$8,100,000 which provided total spending allocation of \$16,000,000. Program commitments to date have totaled approximately \$13,000,000 and it is anticipated that the current allocation will be exhausted before the end of 1999.

The Year 2000 Task Force has prepared an update of the project budget covering the balance of the Program, and has projected a total project requirement of \$19,272,000. These estimates have been restated to reflect changes which have evolved during the life of the project and include projections for Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Services.

Although it is still too early to commit to an exact total cost of the Year 2000 initiative, the project will remain within the budget adopted by Council.

As time is of the essence, the Task Force is recommending that Council pre-approve the 2000 budget allocation for the Year 2000 Capital Project to ensure that funds are available as required to enable successful completion of the project.

A breakdown of the restated estimates is attached.

Approved by: J.C. LeBelle Finance Commissioner

GG/cms Attach. (1)

YEAR 2000 CAPITAL PROJECT

(in thousands of dollars)

Department/ Cost Centre	Total 3 Year Authority (\$000)	Paid and Committed 15 June 1999 (\$000)	Balance 15 June 1999 (\$000)	Forecast Total Expenditure (\$000)	Projected Final Balance (\$000)
Project Management	980	839	141	983	(3)
Embedded Systems	5,255	2,428	2,827	5,242	13
Planning & Development Approvals	1,810	983	827	1,815	(5)
Business Systems	8,510	6,654	1,856	8,512	(2)
Hardware Infrastructure	1,535	1,065	470	1,529	6
OC Transpo					
OC Regional Police Services	940	730	210	941	(1)
Miscellaneous	250	0	250	250	0
TOTAL	19,280	12,699	6,581	19,272	8

Extract of Draft Minute Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee 6 July 1999

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- Finance Commissioner's report dated 18 Jun 99

Councillor Cantin inquired about the rationale to pre-approve the 2000 budget in advance. G. Geddes, Director, Year 2000 Program, explained the request was based on the fact they were into the home stretch of the program. He stated the anticipated spending was to 31 March 2000. Mr. Geddes reported there was a need to ensure timely approval of expenditures that may go beyond 1999 and to avoid the problem of shortage of funds in the fall. J. LeBelle, Finance Commissioner, pointed out the authority was required at the time of approving the contracts, not just when the invoice was to be paid.

Mr. Geddes stated they had been able to, for the most part, hold the rates on the standing offer prices and stated it was a supply and demand issue. He indicated it would become more difficult to obtain qualified consultants close to the end of 1999, and reviewed the issues around the contract terms.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the Year 2000 Task Force request for pre-approval of the 2000 budget of the Year 2000 Capital Project in the amount of \$3,280,000.

CARRIED (B. Hill dissented)