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DATE	27 May 1999
TO/DEST.	Co-ordinator Transportation Committee
FROM/EXP.	Director Mobility Services and Corporate Fleet Services Environment and Transportation Department
SUBJECT/OBJET	RIDEAU CARLETON RACEWAY EXPANSION - ROADWAY MODIFICATIONS - REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That Transportation Committee approve that staff proceed with the initiation of the public hearing process for roadway modifications required for the expansion of the Rideau Carleton Raceway/Gaming Facility prior to Transportation Committee viewing the functional design.

BACKGROUND

The Rideau Carleton Raceway is planning on expanding their facility to accommodate increased gaming facilities. In addition to the current horse racing activities, the program expansion will include 1,250 slot machines, bingo, an entertainment centre and a new clubhouse. The Ontario Lottery Corporation has set a deadline of 01 October 1999 for the facility to be fully operational and open to the public. In order for any roadway modifications to be in place by this deadline, approvals for any necessary roadway modifications must be in place by August 1999. Current Committee and Council schedules will not permit this deadline to be met if the “normal” approval process is to be followed.

DISCUSSION

The last scheduled meeting of Transportation Committee and Council prior to September is 07 July 1999 and 14 July 1999 respectively.

A Traffic Impact Study has been submitted by the proponent's consultant; however the submission was not received in sufficient time for staff to adequately review the consultant's recommendations and recommend a functional design for the consideration of Transportation Committee by the 02 June meeting.

A functional design could be brought forward for the approval of Transportation Committee at the 16 June meeting; however there would be insufficient time to advertise for the legislated four consecutive weeks and hold a public hearing, if necessary, on 07 July. The public hearing would therefore not be held until the beginning of September with a final Council decision rendered in mid-September.

There is no legislative requirement for Transportation Committee or Council to review a design before it is advertised for a public hearing. To paraphrase the *Municipal Act*, a municipality may pass by-laws for widening, altering or diverting any highway but before passing such a by-law, notice of the by-law must be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks and Council shall hear any person who claims their land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and applies to be heard. The recommendation of this report is not in contravention of the Corporate Policy Manual or the Regional Regulatory Code. It is simply a matter of changing an established procedure.

In order to deal with this request in a timely manner, staff are requesting the approval of Transportation Committee to advertise the proposed changes to the roadway for the legislated four week period once a functional design has been finalized. The functional design along with a full report will be presented for the consideration of Transportation Committee and Council at the Public Hearing on 07 July 1999.

CONSULTATION

The recommendation of this report does not require consultation. However, if approved, staff will proceed with public notification of the proposed changes.

CONFORMITY TO THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

The recommendation of this report is purely administrative. The Transportation Master Plan is therefore not applicable.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There are no financial implications with the recommendation of this report.

Approved by
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