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TO/DEST. The Chair and Members of Council

FROM/EXP. Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK MODIFICATIONS**

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INTRODUCTION

This report is an update on matters arising from a past decision of Regional Council (9 October 1997) with respect to modifications to the Regional Road network proposed at that time.

BACKGROUND

At their meeting on 9 October 1997, Regional Council adopted the following recommendation regarding proposed additions to the Regional Road network.

"That Council approve:

- I. Each of the following additions to the Regional Road system, subject to its being debt-free, if applicable;

In the City of Gloucester,

- A. Lester Road from Alert Road to Albion Road

In the City of Ottawa,

- B. New Lees Avenue
- C. MacKenzie Avenue from Rideau Street to Murray Street....."

DISCUSSION

Two of the roads in question, i.e., Lester Road in the City of Gloucester and New Lees Avenue in the City of Ottawa have outstanding debt associated with their recent construction. Discussions took place between staff of the municipalities and the RMOC over the past several months in an effort to resolve the transfer into the Regional Road network, in accordance with Council's

direction, i.e., debt-free. Staff have not been successful in negotiating the transfer of these roads in accordance with Council's direction.

Attached at Annex "A" are letters from the Cities of Gloucester and Ottawa indicating their positions. The City of Gloucester has indicated willingness to retain ownership of Lester Road. The City of Ottawa has reiterated the position that the debt should be transferred with the road, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

It was also intended that MacKenzie Avenue in the City of Ottawa, between Rideau Street and Murray Street, would become part of the Regional Road network as of 1 January 1998. However, the road has been damaged, as a consequence of the adjacent construction of the new U.S. Embassy and, as a result, staff consider it prudent not to adopt MacKenzie Avenue into the Regional Road network at this time and postponement of the transfer until the rehabilitation work has been carried out to the satisfaction of all parties, including RMOC has been proposed. The City of Ottawa has agreed to such a delay.

In view of the situation described above, the three roads in question will not be assumed into the Regional Road network at this time. Schedules C1 (Future Urban Regional Roads Plan) and C2 (Urban Regional Roads Rights-of-Way Protection Policy Plan) have been modified by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reflect these matters in their recent decision of approval of the new Regional Official Plan.

CONSULTATION

Public consultation was not considered necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

In not adopting Lester Road, New Lees Avenue and MacKenzie Avenue into the Regional Road network at this time, appropriate "vacating" of the tax base will be carried out for 1998.

*Approved by
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ANNEX "A"
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Attention: Ms. Pamela Sweet, Director, Policy & Infrastructure Planning Division

Dear Ms. Sweet:

Re: Regional Road System Transfers - Lees Avenue and MacKenzie Avenue

This is in response to your letter dated October 6th 1997 concerning the above. As you know, construction of the realigned portion of Lees Avenue was pursued by the City of Ottawa and funded through debt. Subsequent to this, the RMOC undertook a complete review of the road inventories of all municipalities and determined that this portion of road should be included as part of the RMOC street inventory.

As we indicated in our correspondence dated January 27th 1997, the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton Act requires that the transfer of roads include the transfer of any associated debt and it would therefore appear that this would have to apply to the realigned Lees Avenue.

With respect to the transfer of Mackenzie Avenue between Rideau and Murray, the City is prepared to delay the transfer of this street as requested by the RMOC Environment and Transportation Department.

In accordance with the RMOC report on Regional Road System Review approved by Council on October 9th 1996, if MacKenzie is not transferred to the RMOC, this will have the effect of increasing the tax base which must be vacated by the RMOC in the amount of \$28,000, the RMOC's estimate of the annual maintenance cost of the street.

If, for some reason, the RMOC chooses not to transfer the realigned Lees Avenue to the RMOC, this will have the effect of increasing the tax base which must be vacated by the RMOC in the amount of \$17,000.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact my office at 244-5300, extension 1-3035.

Yours truly,



E.M. Robinson
Commissioner of Engineering & Works

cc: M.J.E. Sheflin, Commissioner of Environment & Transportation, RMOC
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21 July 1997

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Dear Sir:

This letter is further to your correspondence regarding the transfer of Lester Road to the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.

The City of Gloucester has no difficulty with maintaining ownership of Lester Road and would therefore suggest that you do in fact adjust your transfer By-law accordingly. We do however expect that the mill rate transfer amount as calculated last year will be adjusted to reflect this change.

Should you have any further questions related to this issue, please do not hesitate to contact MS. KAREN Tippett, City Treasurer, at 748-4159, or Mr. Dale Philpotts, Director of Works, at 748-4220.

Sincerely,


Brian Futterer
Deputy City Manager, Operations and Fire

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c.c. Mayor Cain and Members of Council
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