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TO/DEST. The Chair and Members of Council

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **HIGHWAY TRANSFERS**

In January of this year, as part of the government's "Who Does What" initiatives, the province announced that municipalities will take full responsibility for local transportation services, including highways that primarily serve local needs. In response to the "Who Does What" Panel recommendations regarding highways, the Ministry of Transportation, through an extensive review of the provincial highway network, has identified 3,400 kilometres of highway which primarily serve local needs. These highways will be transferred to municipalities on 1 January 1998. This is in addition to the 1,766 kilometres of highway transfers presently underway. The Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton will be responsible for the following as of 1 January 1998:

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance (km)</u>
15	From South Junction Pakenham - Fitzroy Boundary To North Junction Pakenham - Fitzroy Boundary	1.25
15	From North Junction Pakenham - Fitzroy Boundary To Highway 17	5.0
17	From Ottawa/Carleton Regional Boundary To 0.5 km East of Trimm Road 57	12.8
31	From Stormont Dundas & Glengarry - Ottawa/Carleton Boundary To South Gloucester - Ottawa/Carleton Road 8	18.6
TOTAL ESTIMATED DISTANCE IN LINEAR KILOMETRES		37.65

Municipalities will be assisted with their new highway responsibilities by the provincial government in the form of a one time \$225 million fund. In addition to this fund, the province has also proposed to set up a Community Reinvestment Fund of \$500 million to assist in protecting the most vulnerable municipalities from undue fiscal impacts.

The distribution of the \$225 million fund will treat municipalities equitably by considering existing physical condition of the roadway as the most important factor. Therefore roads with capital needs to be addressed will receive the largest proportion of funds. In addition, a one year maintenance allowance will be included as well as an amount that recognizes the impact of the highway transfers on the size of a municipality's road system.

The Regional Municipality of Ottawa - Carleton will receive a one time unconditional payment of \$1,901,000 after the transfer of the highways.

The provincial highway system, including highways that carry large-volume, longer distance traffic and connect Ontario's interprovincial and international trade gateways, will continue to be the responsibility of the province.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Yelle-Weatherall, Director of Finance and Operations Support Division, extension 2611.

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