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TO/DEST.                Co-ordinator  
Transportation Committee

FROM/EXP.              Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET        **WORKSHOPS ON ROAD DESIGN:  
RESPONSE TO MOTION TC-29-97**

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**DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

**That Transportation Committee and Council receive this report for information.**

**PURPOSE**

This report describes two upcoming events on planning and design of major roads and adjacent sites. The first event on October 28, 1998, features Allan Jacobs, an architect and Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkley and author of *Great Streets*. The second event on December 2, 1998, will outline a new vision for Merivale Road, one which includes a safer and improved pedestrian environment.

The Merivale Road workshop has been developed in response to a request from Transportation Committee in August, 1997, "That the Women's Action Centre be requested to hold a symposium on planning sites with parking lots in conjunction with the Planning Department and the Environment and Transportation Department regarding the safety of women, and that local municipalities be encouraged to participate."

**DISCUSSION**

Allan Jacobs will deliver a public lecture at Ottawa-Carleton Centre on Wednesday, October 28, 1998 (at 7:00 p.m. in the Champlain Room). (Mr. Jacobs will also conduct an afternoon workshop with planners and other parties interested in the design of regional roads.) According to Jacobs, the streets of a city define its liveability by revealing insights into the quality of urban life. Sharing his observations of streets from all over the world, he will help us better understand the physical and social qualities required to create great urban streets. The lecture and the

workshop are organized by the Urban Forum, a group of professional associations delivering a series of lectures on urban issues.

The Merivale Road workshop, held in conjunction with the City of Nepean, will present the results of the *Merivale Road Secondary Plan Update* on December 2, 1998, in Nepean. Staff will send another notice to Regional Councillors when the exact time and place of the workshop are decided. The Planning Partnership and duToit Allsopp Hillier will present guidelines they have developed to help create a more attractive, safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as motorists. Personal security will be treated as one aspect of good design for parking lots, public sidewalks, and orientation of buildings. The Women's Action Centre against Violence will share their expertise in assessing and improving personal safety for women and other vulnerable groups in the built environment. While the workshop will be advertised to a broad range of interested participants, such as business improvement associations, private-sector developers and community groups, it will be promoted particularly to municipal planners and engineers involved in site planning approval.

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