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REPORT RAPPORT

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DATE 6 September 1996

TO/DEST. 9-1-1 Management Board

FROM/EXP. Co-ordinator, 9-1-1 Advisory Committee

SUBJECT/OBJET MUNICIPAL RURAL ADDRESSING - SIGNAGE

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the 9-1-1 Managment Board recommend Council urge area municipalities to review their present addressing system (i.e. rural civic address signage), in order to improve emergency response time.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 31 May 1996 the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee received a Media Release dated 9 May 1996 from the Country of Renfrew/City of Pembroke with respect to their efforts to bring 9-1-1 service to their area.

Following a brief discussion about the issue of rural addressing and its importance to 9-1-1 response time, the Committee approved the above-noted recommendation.

An Extract of the Draft Minute of the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee meeting of 31 May 1996 is appended for your reference.

Approved by R. Nelson

## 5. COUNTY OF RENFREW/CITY OF PEMBROKE 9-1-1

- Media Release dated 9 May 96
- L. Jenkins indicated that the County of Renfrew is finalizing the steps to bring 9-1-1 service to their county and it is hoped that by 1998 it will be in place. She stated there is a new approach to signage in the rural areas, noting the signs she has seen are very impressive and that municipalities have to consider this issue, taking into consideration those areas just outside the Region.

When questioned whether there was something the Committee could do to put pressure on the area municipalities to implement such signage, Chair Massender stated the review of the current rural addressing will be forwarded to the Management Board for consideration. C. Powers proposed that the Board recommend to Regional Council that municipalities review their present addressing system, with a view to upgrading it. It was noted that some areas might be eligible for funding for this purpose.

L. Jenkins indicated that in the coming months, an advisory committee will be established with representatives from Bell and local municipalities and the issues to be discussed include municipal addressing and new signage. She felt the above-noted direction coming from Council would send a strong statement from the emergency services on the importance of this issue, noting the Region will not move to PERS without it.

Moved by J. Beckett

That the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee recommend to the 9-1-1 Management Board to recommend that Regional Council urge area municipalities to review their present addressing system (e.g. civic address signage) in order to improve emergency response time.

**CARRIED**