

REGION OF OTTAWA-CARLETON
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MEMORANDUM
NOTE DE SERVICE

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Your File/V/Réf.

DATE 3 May 1999

TO/DEST. Manager, Arts Program

FROM/EXP. Regional Clerk

SUBJECT/OBJET **REFERRAL TO THE ARTS COMMITTEE BY REGIONAL
COUNCIL**

Regional Council, at its meeting of 28 April 1999, "CARRIED" the following motion:

MOTION NO. 76

Moved by Councillor D. Holmes
Seconded by Councillor C. Doucet

RESOLVED THAT Communication No. 3 from the Honourable Al Leach, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be REFERRED to the Arts Committee.

Please take the appropriate action to have this item placed on the Arts Committee agenda. A copy of the communication is attached for your ease of reference.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Mary Jo Woollam

Attach. (1)

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April 1, 1999

Ms. Mary Jo Woollam
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton
Ottawa-Carleton Centre
Cartier Square
111 Lisgar Street
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Dear Ms. Woollam:

Thank you for your letter of February 10, 1999, on behalf of the Regional Council of Ottawa-Carleton, requesting that cultural and entertainment facilities be eliminated from the Ineligible Services category of the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA).

The DCA is intended to ensure that growth pays its fair share for growth. It offers a new, balanced framework for renewed economic vitality for all Ontarians.

The exemption of certain types of municipal facilities from eligibility under the DCA was discussed extensively during consultations with all stakeholders between 1996 and 1998, prior to its proclamation into law on March 1, 1998.

One of the key issues addressed by the new legislation was the increasing use of development charges to fund facilities such as theatres and museums. While benefiting the community as a whole, such facilities are not essential to new developments nor do they serve them exclusively, and the people who buy new homes should not have to pay their entire cost.

As part of the balance of directions taken for the new DCA, the government concluded that cultural facilities should be excluded since they can be funded in ways that better reflect their patterns of usage. I do not intend to revisit the DCA legislation at this time.

Ms. Mary Jo Woollam

Thank you again for sharing council's concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Leach', written in a cursive style.

Al Leach
Minister