

MINUTES

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON

CHAMPLAIN ROOM

02 JUNE 1998

3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: R. Chiarelli

Members: D. Beamish, R. Cantin, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, A. Loney,
M. Meilleur, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee confirm the Regular and Confidential Minutes of the 19 May 1998 meeting.

CARRIED

REGULAR ITEMS

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

1. ROBERT O. PICKARD ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE
COGENERATION FACILITY INSTALLATION: CONTRACT NO. CS-6180
CONTRACT MODIFICATION
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 12 May 98

Councillor B. Hill commented about the regularity of contract modification requests coming before Committee and Council. The Environment and Transportation Commissioner, M. Sheflin, said he has asked his staff to prepare a multi-year analysis of contracts to illustrate that, almost universally, project closing documents show the final cost is less than the estimated cost.

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- Notes: 1. Underlining indicates new or amended recommendations approved by Committee.
2. Reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 10 June 1998 in Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report Number 11.

In this case, there is a cost of \$38,000 due to a mis-timing between the pre-ordering of equipment and monies owed to the general contractor; the department intends to pay the general contractor and to recover the costs from the equipment contractor.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve a modification to Contract CS-6180 with J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd., Gloucester for the installation of Cogeneration equipment at the R.O. Pickard Environmental Centre, in the amount of \$85,000. This increase in contract authority will bring the total contract provision to \$1,336,260.57.

CARRIED

2. REGIONAL RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
CONTRACT AWARD

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 12 May 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve a contract award to Kevin B. Nauss & Associates, Kanata, to provide engineering, contract co-ordination, system design services including the mobile data application for a total contract provision of \$350,000.

CARRIED

3. WATER FACILITY UPGRADE - CLYDE AVENUE
CONTRACT NO. CW 8616 and CW8617 CONTRACT AWARDS

-Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 6 May 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve:

1. **the award of Contract CW 8616 - Elevator Addition to Frecon Construction Limited, Russell, Ontario for a total contract provision of \$161,249.00;**
2. **the award of Contract CW 8617 - Office Fit up to Pranger-Debruyne Construction Limited, Nepean, Ontario for a total contract provision of \$60,615.50.**

CARRIED

4. ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF OTTAWA AND THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 12 May 98
- Schedules A through G issued separately

Responding to a question from Councillor M. Meilleur, the Environment and Transportation Commissioner, M. Sheflin, indicated that staff will examine whether or not levels of service should be adjusted, specifically with regards to the cleanliness of roads, in preparation for the 1999 budget. Councillor Meilleur asked whether the same level of service is provided in the rest of the Region as is provided in the downtown core. The Director, Infrastructure Maintenance Division, Wm. Beveridge, replied that while there are differences in the frequency of service in specific areas, the end appearance of the roadway is considered comparable. Commissioner Sheflin added that there previously was blanket service levels for all areas, but with the pressures for reductions, cuts were made universally. Councillor Meilleur spoke about the need to keep an area such as the Byward Market, with its high visibility to tourists, as clean as possible and she pointed out this is not always the case. In addition, she requested that particular attention be paid to the north side of Beechwood Avenue, as this area is regularly untidy. Commissioner Sheflin indicated that staff would bring these matters to the attention of the contractor.

Councillor R. Cantin asked who is responsible for monitoring road structure conditions and pavement quality. Mr. Beveridge replied that staff monitor and regularly inspect the entire regional road system. He added that, with 3200 lane kilometers of roadway, and with undermining occurring out of sight, it is when holes or cracks appear that these get reported and that staff attend to repairs. Councillor Cantin stressed the importance of renewed vigilance in this regard. He suggested all regional employees be asked to be observant and to report all such occurrences to the department immediately, as prompt action could save the Region money in the long run.

Councillor P. Hume asked whether the private sector had been given the opportunity to perform this work. Commissioner Sheflin replied that, given a somewhat neutral response from the private sector, it was decided that the contractor would be given performance incentives and this resulted in a 14% saving. Speaking to situation of the winter maintenance contract, Mr. Sheflin indicated that private sector involvement did not force the price down and staff negotiated a lower price with the City of Ottawa: a similar approach is being recommended for the non-winter maintenance service contract.

Councillor Hume expressed concern about the time it would take to find another contractor if there are performance standard violations as the RMOC would be behind by two seasons. Mr. Beveridge noted staff would require most of that time to prepare another contract.

Moved by M. Meilleur

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the following:

- 1. Execution of a Non-Winter Road Maintenance Service Agreement with the City of Ottawa as outlined in Annex A;**
- 2. Providing notice to the City of Ottawa with respect to extending the period of the new Non-Winter Road Maintenance Agreement until 31 December 2000 and annually thereafter until terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of the agreement;**
- 3. Providing notice to the City of Ottawa with respect to extending the period of the current Winter Rd. Maintenance Agreement with the City of Ottawa until 31 August 2000 and annually thereafter until terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.**

CARRIED

5. BRITANNIA WATER PURIFICATION PLANT CW 8624
GENERATOR SET #3 TURBO CHARGER REPLACEMENT
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL SECTION 4.6.9)
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 22 Apr 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the award of contract CW8624 to Toromat Industries for the Turbo Charger Replacement at Britannia Water Purification Plant, for a total contract provision of \$137,536.

CARRIED

6. SUPPLY OF REFLECTORIZED SHEETING -
TENDER 0550-45-T1/98- CONTRACT AWARD
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report
dated 16 Apr 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the award of Tender 0550-45-T1/98, Supply of ReflectORIZED Sheeting, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 to 3M Canada Inc., London, Ontario, for a total contract provision of \$171,434.51.

CARRIED

FINANCE

7. PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION POLICY UPDATE
- A/Co-ordinator's report dated 28 May 98

Councillor P. Hume spoke about information provided by the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) with respect to Bill 16 having gone to committee where it can be amended. He said it was his understanding that representations to this committee were heavily skewed towards the associations and organizations for whom municipalities will be required to provide rebates. He recalled that Bill 16 made it mandatory to provide rebates to charities and like organizations and he expressed concern the next step would likely be to also make rebates to like organizations mandatory as opposed to this decision being left at the discretion of municipalities. He suggested the Regional Finance Commissioner attend the committee meeting to present the viewpoint that the decision about rebates should remain with the Regions across the Province.

The Finance Commissioner, Mr. J. C. LeBelle, informed the Committee there is to be only one committee meeting on Tuesday 3 June; in addition, the provincial government has imposed closure on Bill 16 and it will be back before the legislature on Thursday, June 4. Mr. LeBelle indicated that the Bill was first introduced in March 1997 in response to concerns expressed about the historically out-of-date assessments in Toronto and the tremendous impact that Current Value Assessment would have on the commercial and business sector in that city. Staff now understand that the City of Toronto does not intend to use the 2.5% cap, but rather to provide rebates to businesses to alleviate tax pressures. He pointed out that, in Ottawa-Carleton's case, the situation is different as the Region went through region-wide assessment in 1992 and it could not be argued that "historically outdated assessments" are a factor.

Mr. LeBelle drew Committee's attention to the fact that, should Council decide to use the legislation to limit increases in the commercial sector, it cannot have a tax increase for any purpose and it must keep that limitation for three years. In response to a question from Councillor Hume, Mr. LeBelle confirmed this means that only realty taxes could be raised.

Moved by R. van den Ham

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

8. **SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REGIONAL CONTRACTS**
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 6 May 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve that there be no change to the existing security requirements for Regional contracts.

CARRIED

9. **DISPOSITION OF SINKING FUND LEVIES**
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 14 May 98

That Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve that:

1. **The sum of \$4,139,281.05 representing surpluses in excess of certain debenture commitments, be distributed to the Area Municipalities and to the Regional Municipality in amounts detailed in Annex A;**
2. **The surplus amounts be used in accordance with Section (44.1) of the Regional Municipalities Act.**

CARRIED

LEGAL

10. EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY TAXES - HOUSES OF REFUGE

- Regional Solicitor's supplementary report dated 1 Jun 98
- Regional Solicitor's report dated 4 May 98
- Referred back by Regional Council on 27 May 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend to Council that:

- 1. The Region endorse an amendment to Bill 16 in order to include a provision with respect to the Assessment Act to exempt all houses of refuge from municipal and education property taxes within the Province of Ontario in accordance with Schedule A of the 4 May 1998 report to the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee;**
- 2. In the interim that the Region endorse private legislation to provide relief of municipal and education property taxes to any "house of refuge" renting church premises in Ottawa-Carleton specifically Daybreak and Bruce House.**

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

11. LAND ACQUISITION - 11 BURGESS AVENUE
WEST TRANSITWAY EXTENSION PROJECT - PHASE I
OWNER: RICHARD AND LIDIA KOZLOWSKI

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 12 May 98

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the acquisition of 11 Burgess Avenue, City of Nepean, from Richard and Lidia Kozlowski for the construction of the West Transitway Extension between Pinecrest Road and Acres Road, for a consideration of \$200,000.

CARRIED

12. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY -1946 & 1950 SCOTT STREET
CITY OF OTTAWA

- Planning And Development Approvals Commissioner's report
dated 15 May 98

**That Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend
Council:**

- 1) **Declare the property described as being part of Lots 45, 46, 47 and 48, Plan 369, shown as Part 3 on Plan 4R-8932, and part of Lots 51 and 52, Plan No. 369, shown as Part 2 on Plan 4R-12827, all in the geographic Township of Nepean, now City of Ottawa, surplus to Regional needs;**
- 2) **Approve the sale of Part 3, Plan 4R-8932 and Part 2, Plan 4R-12827 to the International Buddhist Progress Society of Ottawa-Carleton, for the amount of \$180,000.00 pursuant to an agreement of Purchase and Sale that has been received.**

CARRIED

REGIONAL CLERK

13. GRANT REQUEST OUTSIDE REGULAR GRANTS PROCESS -
OTTAWA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

- Regional Clerk's report dated 7 May 98

The Committee heard from Mr. Julian Armour, Executive Director, Ottawa Chamber Music Society, organizers of the Chamber Music Festival. Mr. Armour began by saying the festival will celebrate its fifth anniversary in 1998 and, from the beginning, it has been a success story in Canadian musical and cultural life. The festival has enjoyed incredible attendance every year, growing from 22 concerts in its first year to 48 in its second year. It has now grown into the largest chamber music festival in North America and probably in the world. Because the festival offers a wide variety of concerts on a very high artistic level, it is able to broadcast more concerts across Canada than any other organization in the country. Mr. Armour posited this represents excellent publicity for the Region and for the musicians and composers from the area. He spoke about the festival having twice won the Lieutenant Governor's Award for the Arts, a management prize.

Mr. Armour said the current predicament the festival finds itself in is fully described in the documentation provided. Having missed the deadline for submitting a funding request, organizers saw an opportunity to incorporate into the 1998 festival a celebration of its fifth anniversary. The festival is now at a point where it is recognized throughout North America as one of the top musical organizations and is beginning to advertise nationally, as well as in the United States and Europe about an event that exists nowhere else in the world.

Mr. Armour pointed out that a large number of Ottawa-Carleton residents volunteer their time, generally working along with staff to ensure the event's success. He spoke about the fact that virtually every level of government has been unable to increase grants over last three years while the festival's budget has had to double to meet the demand for concerts. Because of their inability to generate significantly more public revenue, festival organizers have had to budget tightly and responsibly. He noted that care must be taken not to fall into a deficit situation, as this would make it difficult to attract and interest private sector investment. Mr. Armour spoke about a number of studies on the economic impact of the event, noting that it brings in many tourists from out-of-town, some from as far away as Europe, Israel and the far-East. Another significant finding is that 45% of Ottawa-Carleton residents who come to the event would have left the Region if the festival were not going on and would have spent their tourism dollar elsewhere. He concluded his presentation by asking that the Committee carefully review the material he submitted and he expressed the hope the request for funding would be favourably considered.

In response to a question from Councillor R. Cantin, Mr. Armour explained that the increase in the Administrator's salary was due to the fact that this position is now staffed full time, as opposed to being handled by a variety of volunteers. He added that because of the phenomenal growth experienced by the festival, there is a need for a full-time administrator to run the event.

Councillor A. Loney proposed that \$24,000 be granted to the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, with \$5,000 coming from the Provision for Unforeseen and \$19,000 coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. He said it should be clear from Mr. Armour's presentation and from the material submitted that the organization has come a long way in a short time. Councillor Loney pointed out that the festival received no regional funding in its first year of operation. He expressed the view the organization should be encouraged as the festival is demonstrably an economic development initiative. He spoke about the entire situation hinging on the application being late and not on any negative comment about the festival.

He added that much depended on which Committee reviewed the applications, as some had overlooked late submissions. Councillor Loney urged the Committee to forgive the technical fault and to approve the grant request. He called the festival an ongoing, worthwhile endeavor that adds a great deal to the economic indicators of this area, and that attracts the patronage of many of the high tech sector industries in Ottawa-Carleton.

Committee discussion focused on an amendment proposed by Councillor G. Hunter calling for \$19,000 out of the \$24,000 to be allocated from the Arts Grants budget as opposed to Capital Reserves. Councillor Hunter withdrew his amendment when he was informed this account was completely expended. He expressed the view this request was a back-door way of increasing the allocation to the arts, which he said were already well-supplied in Ottawa-Carleton. In addition, the Councillor said he thought that using Capital Reserves for this purpose represented a dangerous slope and he could not support using these funds for ongoing projects.

Councillor D. Beamish spoke about the Chamber Music Festival being a highly rated project in terms of economic development because it attracts people to Ottawa-Carleton for several days or weeks and those people spend their money locally. He said that, as a matter of fairness, he would support the funding request.

Councillor W. Stewart wanted to know whether any money remains unallocated from the art purchasing program. The Regional Clerk, Mary Jo Woollam, replied that the money in the account has not been spent. Councillor Stewart suggested the funding could be taken from this account as opposed to setting a precedent and dipping into the reserves and she indicated she would support this course of action.

Councillor B. Hill said she did not appreciate groups that come in late and expect Council to find money for their request. She suggested this group should have gone to the Canada Council on the Arts that she said has given out \$70 million to arts groups, 1000 of who are in Ottawa.

Councillor M. Meilleur pointed out that the role of Councillors is to make decisions, not just to follow policies and procedures, as in the case of missing the deadline for the Economic Development Grants. She noted that a request for \$24,000 out of a budget of almost \$400,000 illustrates how good this organization is at leveraging money from other sources. She reiterated that the Chamber Music Festival is an excellent tourism draw that contributes to the economic development of Ottawa-Carleton. The Councillor indicated she would not support taking funds out of the direct purchase program.

Councillor Stewart said she agreed that the Chamber Music Festival is an important event, however the issue is the source of funding to be used. She posited that the direct purchase program could easily not spend \$24,000 buying new art and these funds could be applied to the economic development aspect of the festival.

Chair R. Chiarelli asked whether, apart from the availability of the funds, staff could comment on the plan, the normal expenditures and how this request would affect those activities. The Manager, Arts Program, Ms. A. Grace, reiterated that the art advisor has been selected and is under contract, and visual artists have been advised that the RMOC is purchasing works; the process is underway but no funds have been allocated and no works have been purchased. She added there is a fair amount of infrastructure associated with the purchase of art to ensure there is public and fair acquisition of works from artists in the Region. Councillor Loney added that these funds are also used to maintain the works already acquired, to insure the works and other related purposes.

Further to these comments and observations, the Committee considered the following Motion:

Moved by W. Stewart

That the \$19,000 for the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival be taken from the account used to purchase artwork.

CARRIED

YEAS: D. Beamish, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, W. Stewart, R. van den Ham.....6

NAYS: R. Cantin, A. Loney, M. Meilleur, R. Chiarelli 4

The Committee then considered Councillor Loney's Motion:

That \$24,000 be granted to the Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, with \$5,000 from the Provision for Unforeseen and the remaining \$19,000 from the account used to purchase artwork, as identified in Councillor W. Stewart's Motion.

CARRIED, as amended

YEAS: D. Beamish, R. Cantin, P Hume, A. Loney, M. Meilleur,
W. Stewart, R. Chiarelli 7

NAYS: B. Hill, G. Hunter, R. van den Ham 3

14. APPOINTMENTS TO THE PROPERTY TAX POLICY COMMITTEE
- Regional Clerk's report dated 26 May 98

Moved by W. Stewart

That Council approve that the membership of the ad hoc Property Tax Policy Committee be six (6) members, and that the following six (6) Councillors who have expressed interest be appointed to serve on the Committee:

Councillor C. Doucet
Councillor B. Hill
Councillor A. Loney

Councillor P. Hume
Councillor G. Hunter
Councillor R. van den Ham

CARRIED, as amended

15. APPOINTMENT - OTTAWA CONGRESS CENTRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- Regional Clerk's report dated 26 May 98

That Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the appointment of the Regional Chair, Bob Chiarelli, as one of the Region's three representatives on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Congress Centre, for a three-year term beginning 1 January 1998 and ending 31 December 2000.

CARRIED

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

FINANCE

1. Delegated Authority Quarterly Report (January to March 1998)
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 1.6.1)
- Finance Commissioner's memorandum dated 13 May 98
2. Capital Quarterly Report (January - March 1998)
- Finance Commissioner's memorandum dated 29 Apr 98

REGIONAL CLERK

3. Record of Tender Openings for the Month of April 1998
(As Per *Corporate Policy Manual* Section 4.6.6)
- Regional Clerk's memorandum dated 15 May 98

OTHER BUSINESS

POSSIBLE USE OF A. S. HAYDON HALL (COUNCIL CHAMBERS)
FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY TELETHON

Councillor R. Cantin said he has been approached by Muscular Dystrophy Association about holding the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon in the Regional Council Chambers on Labour Day week-end. He asked that staff report back on the possibility of using the Chambers and ancillary rooms for this purpose and whether Council would go for actual costs as opposed to rental. The Chief Administrative Officer, M. Beckstead, indicated that the Information and Public Affairs Department will report back on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

16 June 98

CHAIR

ACTING CO-ORDINATOR