

MINUTES

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON

CHAMPLAIN ROOM

21 OCTOBER 1997

3:00 P.M.

PRESENT

Chair: P. Clark

Members: M. Bellemare, B. Hill, P. Hume, G. Hunter, A. Loney, B. McGarry,
R. van den Ham

REGRETS

W. Stewart

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee confirm the Minutes of the 16 September 1997 meeting.

CARRIED

REGULAR ITEMS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. MEGA WEEK 2
CHANGE MANAGEMENT
- Chief Administrative Officer's report dated 15 Oct 97

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

RECEIVED

Notes: 1. Underlining indicates new or amended recommendations approved by Committee.
2. Reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 22 October 1997 in Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report Number 70.

2. CITIZENS' REVIEW PANEL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING
IN OTTAWA-CARLETON: WORK AND CONSULTATION PLAN AND BUDGET
- Chief Administrative Officer's report dated 10 Oct 97

The Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. M. Beckstead, expressed his support and that of his fellow Executive Officers, Mssrs. J. Burke (City of Ottawa) and N. Lathrop (Township of Cumberland), for the Budget and Workplan submitted for approval. He noted that the regional representatives, Chair P. Clark and Councillors B. McGarry and A. Munter, also support the Panel's recommendations.

Ms. Grete Hale, Co-Chair of the Citizens' Review Panel, introduced Ms. M. Wilkinson, Ms. P. Feltmate, Ms. C. Chowaniec and Mr. L. Franceschini, panel members. Ms. Hale acknowledged the assistance of Mr. B. O'Gorman, Deputy Clerk, in helping the panel begin its work. She said the panel has been given an awesome responsibility and she expressed the hope its recommendations would be approved by the required triple majority. She spoke about each panel member being partnered with a municipality and with various interest groups as a direct link.

Ms. Hale described the Mission, Vision and Goal of the Citizens' Review Panel as follows:

Mission: to create a model of local governance to enable the growth and development of Ottawa-Carleton as a healthy community balancing economic, social and environmental requirements;

Vision: to motivate Ottawa-Carleton to continue evolving as an area internationally recognized for its quality of life, variety of opportunities, caring, highly qualified workforce, safety, prosperity and natural environment;

Goal: to create an integrated model that will best serve the citizens of Ottawa-Carleton.

Ms. Hale identified the following criteria as being intrinsic to any model of governance: to be accessible, inclusive, representative, comprehensive, comprehensible, to offer visible value and to be cost effective. She outlined the timetable the panel will follow, culminating with the tabling of its recommendation in May/June 1998 and report follow-up from July through October 1998.

Ms. Hale described the panel's budget as bare-bones. She hoped certain costs would be minimized through the use of existing services. She asked that Committee members assist the panel by getting their constituents involved in the process and by helping the panel formulate the right questions.

Councillor G. Hunter asked why the budget is 66% higher than was originally envisaged. Ms. Hale compared the figures before Committee to the \$2.5 million budget of a similar group in Hamilton-Wentworth. Panel member M. Wilkinson added it appears there had been no real costing of the work required and she stressed the importance of having adequate funds to ensure thorough consultation takes place.

Councillor Hunter said it was his experience the public tends to be reactive as opposed to proactive in matters of governance, with those opposed being more vocal than those in support. He asked whether the proposed timeliness recognize this fact and whether it would not be preferable to prepare for a second phase of consultation. Ms. Wilkinson replied that, in January, the panel will present a number of models for public review and will continue to refine the model. Ms. C. Chowaniec noted that Phase VI, Final Report Follow-Up, has been added to encourage and organize discussion, to assist with the transition plan and to fine-tune the recommendation without having to “go back to the drawing board”.

Councillor Hunter wanted to know why the panel felt it necessary to ensure provincial legislation is passed, since this could bring about a loss of local control. He expressed the hope the panel would not hesitate to ask for any required change that will help get the job done. Mr. L. Franceschini indicated the panel will ask for changes should it feel these are required. He added that both the group from Hamilton-Wentworth and Mr. Gardner Church have said the panel’s task will be difficult, nonetheless members want to go beyond simply proposing a solution.

Councillor A. Munter posited that spending \$125,000 on a citizen-led consultative process represents a wise investment if it can bring about an acceptable solution. He wished the panel well and pledged to assist in any way possible. Councillor B. McGarry said the original budget was speculative and the revised budget is not unreasonable if it brings about a made-in-Ottawa-Carleton solution. Chair Clark pointed out that, while the issue may not be totally resolved, the panel will put local government restructuring in a realistic framework. He added that Council is being asked to spend half of what has already been spent by other municipalities on various scenarios and possibilities.

Councillor A. Loney expressed the view the proposed budget is too low. He emphasized the importance of having the resources to communicate effectively: to achieve this goal, the panel should feel free to approach the new Council for any additional funding it feels is required.

Councillor D. Holmes said Council asked the panel to develop a workplan and set a budget because it felt the original estimate would not bring about the kind of solid economic analysis of the various options Council can stand behind with authority. The Chief Administrative Officer, M. Beckstead, reiterated an earlier offer of in-kind assistance and he said he hoped the panel would approach his office and that of area municipalities if some activities can be undertaken at staff level.

Councillor B. Hill said the upcoming changes will be the most important since the Region was created in 1969, and will be history-making. She hoped that community of interests would be recognized as an important factor. She was concerned there would not be enough public meetings to cover the 11 municipalities and she asserted one meeting will not be sufficient to cover the Western Townships. Ms. P. Feltmate said she agreed with Councillor Hill, however she noted the panel will form partnerships with local groups and intends to have several afternoon and evening meetings, possibly as individual panel members.

Councillor van den Ham said he supported the panel's goals and he pledged to assist in any way possible. He reiterated his disappointment with the fact there is no rural representative among its members. Chair Clark applauded the efforts that have gone into the process to-date.

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

- 1. the Citizens' Review Panel on Local Government Restructuring in Ottawa-Carleton: Work and Consultation Plan attached as Annex A;**
- 2. the Budget in support of the Workplan, in the amount of \$250,000 as detailed in the attached Annex B of which 50 percent is payable by the RMOC, with 50 percent allocated between the City of Ottawa and the area municipalities represented by the Ottawa-Carleton Mayors Forum.**

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

3. GLEN CAIRN TRUNK SEWER - PHASE 2
CONTRACT NO. CC-4126
CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT
- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 26 Aug 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the next phase of Contract CC-4126 with Robinson Consultants Incorporated, Kanata, to provide construction administration and supervision services, for the Glen Cairn Trunk Sewer - Phase 2 project, for a contract amount of \$216,000, bringing the revised total contract provision to \$841,330.

CARRIED

4. LAURIER AVENUE EAST REHABILITATION SCOPE CHANGE

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 10 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve an increase in scope to D.S. Lea Associates Ltd., Ottawa, for detailed engineering design services for lighting and construction services for the Laurier Avenue East rehabilitation project in the amount of \$110,000, bringing the revised total to \$760,000.

CARRIED
(B. Hill and
G. Hunter dissented)

5. WELLINGTON STREET REHABILITATION -PHASE II
CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT EXTENSION

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 24 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve an increase in the scope of work to McCormick Rankin & Associates Ltd., Ottawa, for additional design services and construction services for the Wellington Street Rehabilitation project Phase II, in the amount of \$230,000, bringing the revised total contract provision to \$2,425,000.

CARRIED

6. SNOW AND ICE CONTROL ROUTE PLANNING
AND OPTIMIZATION - SCOPE CHANGE

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 03 Sep 97

Councillor B. Hill asked whether the words "route planning and optimization" mean there will be cuts to maintenance in rural municipalities to cover the maintenance of the 254 lane kilometers of highway being transferred to the Region in 1998. The Environment and Transportation Commissioner, M. Sheflin, replied in the negative, noting the department is moving from manual route planning to computer-generated route planning. The 1996 budget was reduced by \$1.5 million on the basis that the use of technology in routing would permit the Region to maintain the same level on a statistical ten-year running average. Councillor Hill pointed out that new routing did not necessarily mean better service. Mr. Sheflin indicated the routing will maintain the level of service chosen by Council.

Responding to further questions from Councillor Hill about the highway assumptions, Mr. Sheflin said the transition funds received were sufficient to carry the Region through 1997 but not to cover capital costs. It is expected an additional \$1.9 million will be received in 1998 for capital and current expenditures, however some budget shortfalls are anticipated. The Province has promised to provide all the required funds to pay for downloaded services through Transfer Payments.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the scope changes to Phase II of the assignment with PSR Group Limited, Nepean, for the engineering services for Snow and Ice Control Route Planning and Optimization, in the amount of \$10,000, bringing the revised total contract provision to \$85,000.

CARRIED

7. SNOW DISPOSAL SITE ENTRY FEE

- Environment and Transportation Commissioner's report dated 06 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve a snow disposal site entry fee (tipping fee) of \$1.50 per cubic metre (\$1.50/m³), the proposed fee being unchanged from that established for the 1996/1997 winter season.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION /
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

8. INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS PROGRAMME
CAPITAL PROJECT 922-43434 - ADVANCE IN PROJECT AUTHORITY

- Joint Environment and Transportation Commissioner and Planning and
Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 22 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve an advance in project authority for Capital Project 922-43434, Information Management Systems Programme, in the amount of \$525,000 from future years programme authority with no increase to the overall programme authority.

CARRIED

FINANCE /
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS / LEGAL

9. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT
SOUTH KEYS SHOPPING CENTRE

- Joint Finance Commissioner, Planning and Development Approvals
Commissioner and Regional Solicitor's report dated 06 Oct 97

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

1. **An amount of \$310,421.51 be paid to the owners of the South Keys Shopping Centre (South Keys Shopping Centres Limited and 802700 Ontario Inc.) for the following:**
 - (a) **retaining wall (\$155,078.63);**
 - (b) **water and sanitary service to the South Keys Transit Station (\$28,085.30);**
 - (c) **60% of the cost of the pedestrian walkway from Bank Street to the South Keys Transit Station (\$89,145.09);**
 - (d) **the costs for the oversizing of the storm sewer to accommodate the flows generated by the development of the South Keys Transit Station (\$38,112.49);**
2. **The Region agree to delete the provisions attached as Annex A to this report from the Subdivision/Site Plan Agreement with owners of the South Keys Shopping Centre;**
3. **As a term of this settlement, the owners of the South Keys Shopping Centre abandon any claims under the *Development Charges Act*, sections 8 and 13 and that the owners abandon any claim to have any further modifications made to the subdivision/site plan agreements.**

CARRIED

FINANCE

10. CASH INVESTMENTS AND LOANS RECEIVABLE
(AS AT 8 AUGUST 1997)

- Finance Commissioner's report dated 05 Sep 97

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

RECEIVED

11. CASH INVESTMENTS AND LOANS RECEIVABLE
(AS AT 5 SEPTEMBER 1997)
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 26 Sep 97

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

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12. 1997 REPORT ON THE CLOSING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 15 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council authorize the Finance Commissioner to make the financing adjustments required to effect the closing of capital projects.

CARRIED

13. 1998 SINKING FUND LEVIES
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 06 Oct 97

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

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14. IMPLICATIONS OF BILLS 106 AND 149, (FAIR MUNICIPAL
FINANCE ACT: PARTS 1 AND 2), ON THE MUNICIPALITIES
IN OTTAWA-CARLETON
- Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 16 Oct 97
- Finance Commissioner's report dated 17 Oct 97

Moved by G. Hunter

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the consideration by the CS&ED Committee at this time of late agenda item No. 14, Implications of Bills 106 and 149 (Fair Municipal Finance Acts: Parts 1 and 2), on the Municipalities in Ottawa-Carleton.

CARRIED

In reply to questions posed by Councillor Hunter regarding Payment-in-Lieu of taxes (PIL) the Finance Commissioner, Mr. J. LeBelle, said that, because of the coming jurisdictional changes, the Region will get a greater share of tax revenues. He agreed with Councillor Hunter that the net result will be the same for taxpayers, but because of the uncertainty about the Province's intentions re: PIL's, municipalities have been asking for definite statements from the government.

Regional Chair P. Clark said it was important to recognize that changes such as the cancellation of the Business Occupancy tax and the new rate for cancelled taxes, when blended across the Region, will have an impact on many individuals. He said the report was a good way of bringing these issues to the fore. He added that the concern of area treasurers is that PIL revenues will find their way into provincial coffers and could be re-directed to other provincial programs at the local taxpayer's expense.

Moved by R. van den Ham

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the report produced by the consulting firm Hemson and Associates entitled *Report on the Implications of Bills 106 and 149 (Fair Municipal Finance Act: Parts 1 and 2)* on the Municipalities in Ottawa-Carleton, and that the concerns and recommended actions listed be endorsed, and that the report be sent to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs as Council's response to the legislation.

CARRIED

Speaking to Bill 160, *The Education Quality Improvement Act*, Councillor A. Munter said the Bill attempts to harmonize residential and multi-residential properties and decrees that the rate will be the same, regardless of what municipalities decide to do with the rest of the property tax bill. This will mean a \$70 increase of property taxes for single family homeowners and a significant decrease for owners of large buildings, with no mechanism in the legislation to pass the decrease on to tenants in the form of lower rents.

Councillor Munter proposed a Motion calling for this provision to be taken out of Bill 160 and asking that the education mill rate be collected on the same basis as the rest of the property tax bill. When Council decides in March 1998 what the factors of assessment should be, these would apply as well to the education mill rate, thereby ensuring there are not two ways of collecting taxes and negating the projected increase alluded to earlier.

The Finance Commissioner, J. LeBelle, confirmed the proposed Motion does address the issue, and he recommended it be forwarded to the Province along with the Hemson Report. Chair Clark pointed out that, in the last six years, regional taxpayers have had increases of approximately \$20 in the first year, netting off to \$11 in the second year: this means that, over a five year period, regional taxpayers have had zero tax increases. Chair Clark compared these figures to the estimated \$70 increase taxpayers will face without being consulted in any manner. He commended Councillor Munter for this suggestion, and he asked that the Committee support the Motion.

Moved by A. Loney

WHEREAS Bill 160 (the education reform legislation) includes provision for the province setting education property tax rates;

WHEREAS the legislation will tax apartment buildings and single family dwellings on the same basis, thus increasing taxes on single homes in Ottawa-Carleton by an average of at least \$70 per household while decreasing property taxes for landlords;

WHEREAS there is nothing in Bill 160 nor in any other piece of legislation to allow tenants, municipalities or the province to ensure tax decreases are passed along to tenants in the form of lower rents;

WHEREAS Regional Council will decide in 1998 how much of the tax burden each class of assessment (residential, multi-residential, business, industrial, etc.) should bear and this might well be different from the provisions of Bill 160, resulting in the collection of education property taxes on a completely different basis than the collection of the rest of the property tax bill;

WHEREAS taxpayers can not afford this potential tax increase on top of potential provincial property tax increases caused by downloading;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council requests that the provincial government drop the provisions of Bill 160 that would harmonize residential and multi-residential property taxes and allow upper-tier councils to establish these factors, just as these councils will be required by provincial law to do for municipal property taxes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all local MPP's, all eleven local municipalities, the Ministers of Education and Municipal Affairs, all three party leaders, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all regional governments.

CARRIED

HOMES FOR THE AGED

15. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS -
TALLWOOD AND ISLAND LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES PROJECTS
- Homes for the Aged Commissioner's report dated 08 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of:

1. **Montgomery and Sisam Architects in association with Bryden Martel Architects Inc. to provide architectural services for the Tallwood Long Term Care Facility at a cost of \$936,490 (GST included);**
2. **J.L. Richards & Associates Limited in association with Mill & Ross Architects Inc. to provide architectural services for the Island Long Term Care Facility at a cost of \$952,300 (GST included).**

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

16. LEBRETON FLATS STATION AND BOOTH STREET
GRADE SEPARATION - FUNCTIONAL DESIGN
CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT
- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 11 Aug 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of McCormick Rankin Corporation, Ottawa, to undertake the functional design of LeBreton Flats Station and the grade-separation of Booth Street, for a total contract provision of \$430,000.

CARRIED

17. TERRY FOX DRIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT
- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 09 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the appointment of J.L. Richards & Associates Limited, Ottawa, and Dillon Consulting Limited, Gloucester, to undertake the Terry Fox Environmental Assessment Study, for a total contract provision of \$349,890, with \$100,000 to be reimbursed from the City of Kanata.

CARRIED
(G. Hunter dissented)

18. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

1114 ALENMEDE CRESCENT - CITY OF OTTAWA

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 12 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the sale of 1114 Alenmede Crescent to Teklu Daras for the amount of \$103,000.00 pursuant to an Agreement of Purchase and Sale that has been received.

CARRIED

19. SALE OF SURPLUS LAND

HUNT CLUB ROAD AND BANK STREET
CITY OF OTTAWA

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 19 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council, subject to the legal closing of a portion of Hunt Club Road:

1. **Declare as surplus to Regional needs, that part of Hunt Club Road located east of Hunt Club Road and south of Bank Street, in the City of Ottawa legally described as Parts 1 to 10 inclusive, on Reference Plan 5R-14483 and Block E, on Plan 4M-235, containing a total area of approximately 1793.3 m², as indicated on Annex A, attached;**
2. **Accept an offer from Truscan Property Corporation (Truscan) in the amount of \$150,000 for the lands described in Recommendation 1, in accordance with the terms outlined in this report.**

CARRIED

20. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - 2532-2540 INNES ROAD
CITY OF GLOUCESTER

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 01 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

1. **Declare the land described as being part of Lot 14, Concession 3, Ottawa Front, Township of Gloucester, shown as Part 2, Plan 5R-1918, as Instrument No. 163879 and part of Instrument No. 65761 surplus to Regional needs;**

2. **Approve the sale of the subject land to Wissam, Bishara and Nehme Elias for the amount of \$6,000.00, subject to a road closing by-law being passed, the granting of required easements and pursuant to an agreement of Purchase and Sale that has been received.**

CARRIED

21. **LAND ACQUISITION - HUNT CLUB EXTENSION - PHASE II**
OWNER: ONTARIO HYDRO

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 23 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve the acquisition of 5.96 hectares, shown as Parts 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 32 and 33, Plan 4R-8477, from Ontario Hydro for the Hunt Club Extension Project for a consideration of \$725,000.00 plus GST.

CARRIED

(B. Hill, G. Hunter
and R. van den Ham dissented)

22. **LAND ACQUISITION - 1140 ALENMEDE CRESCENT**
OWNER: CHRISTOPHER AND SHARON ROY

- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 29 Sep 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the acquisition of 1140 Alenmede Crescent, City of Ottawa, from Christopher and Sharon Roy for the construction of the West Transitway Extension Phase I, for a consideration of \$127,543.

CARRIED

23. **LAND ACQUISITION - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AREA**
(MARLBOROUGH FOREST)
OWNER: JAMES LEWIS SMITH

- Planning and Environment Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 15 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the acquisition of 300 acres, described as being the north part of Lot 17, Concession 7, and all of Lot 16, Concession 8, former Township of Marlborough, now Township of Rideau from James Lewis Smith as an addition to the Marlborough Forest for a consideration of \$86,500.00.

CARRIED

24. LAND ACQUISITION - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AREA
(MARLBOROUGH FOREST)
OWNER: MARC JOSEPH SEGUIN

- Planning and Environment Committee Co-ordinator's report dated 15 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve the acquisition of 213 acres, described as being all of Lot 30, Concession 3, former Township of Marlborough, now Township of Rideau from Marc Joseph Seguin as an addition to the Marlborough Forest for a consideration of \$60,500.00.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

25. ASSESSMENT ACT AMENDMENTS AND NEED FOR PUBLIC
EDUCATION PROGRAM: PRESENTATION BY MR. DENNIS DATE

- Councillor Alex Munter's report dated 15 Oct 97

Councillor A. Munter explained that, due to unavoidable circumstances, Mr. Date would be unable to attend the meeting. The Committee agreed to Table the item until further notice.

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee receive the presentation on "Assessment Act Amendments and Need for Public Education Program" by Mr. Dennis Date for information.

TABLED

26. PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
OTTAWA-CARLETON FAIR TAX COMMITTEE

- Councillor Diane Holmes report dated 29 Sep 97

Councillor D. Holmes presented a Motion calling for the preparation, with the assistance of representatives from the Regional Finance Department, of Terms of Reference for a Fair Tax Committee. She said it is clear there will be many complicated issues to deal with when changes happen in the new year, and once the legislation is enacted, the Region will need to involve stakeholders. This can be done by establishing a committee to hold public meetings, receive input and make recommendations to Council.

The Regional Chair, P. Clark, suggested the Motion be Tabled at this time, but that Councillors Holmes, Hill, Hunter and Munter, who have been acclaimed, begin the process by meeting with the Finance Commissioner and the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare terms of reference.

Moved by P. Hume

That the following recommendations be Tabled until further notice.

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

- 1. the establishment of an Ottawa-Carleton Fair Tax Committee, effective January 1, 1998, with a mandate to inquire into and make recommendations to Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee on all matters with respect to the taxation of property within the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton;**
- 2. the Ottawa-Carleton Fair Tax Committee be provided one-person year as a resource to provide administrative and clerical support to the committee;**
- 3. the Ottawa-Carleton Fair Tax Committee seek professional advice from both government and the private sector in its deliberations.**

TABLED

Moved by P. Hume

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve that representatives of Regional Council (D. Holmes, A. Munter, G. Hunter and B. Hill) and the Finance Department prepare a Terms of Reference for the establishment of a public communications and consultation committee with respect to the taxation of property within the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, and report back to the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee.

CARRIED

Note: The following Item was moved from the Confidential Agenda and considered in Open Session.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

27. **SALE OF SURPLUS LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES
WEST HUNT CLUB ROAD AND KNOXDALE ROAD**
- Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner's report dated 15 Oct 97

Councillor G. Hunter made reference to the fact that Nepean Mayor Ben Franklin will be stepping down after 19 years of valuable public service both at the municipal and regional level in Ottawa-Carleton. Councillor Hunter said that, for some time, he had felt it would be appropriate for both the RMOC and the City of Nepean to jointly develop some kind of

physical facility as a tribute to Mayor Franklin, and he had been encouraged to pursue this matter. He explained that the proposal was to use regional lands, surplus to requirements for the West Hunt Club Road, and now designated in the Regional Official Plan (ROP) as Urban Open Space, and put them to practical use as a recreational space. The RMOC would convey the lands to Nepean for a nominal consideration; Nepean would undertake a public consultation process to develop the lands as a playing field or for other recreational purposes. Partnerships would be sought from businesses and other interested parties to minimize the cost to taxpayers.

Councillor Hunter said he thought the proposal represents the best use for lands designated Urban Open Space. He added it was regrettable the matter became a political football, as there has been agreement among all the parties concerned this would be a good way of paying tribute, in a timely manner, to an outstanding public servant for both the Region and the City of Nepean.

Moved by G. Hunter

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council:

- 1. Declare approximately 49 acres of land being part of Lots 29 and 30, Concession 2, Rideau Front, geographic Township of Nepean, now City of Nepean, and shown on the attached sketch (Annex A) as Knoxdale east and Knoxdale west, surplus to Regional needs;**
- 2. Approve the conveyance of the lands described in Recommendation 1, to the City of Nepean for the sum of \$1.00, subject to the land being used for the purpose of a public park to be named in honour of Mayor Ben Franklin.**

CARRIED

INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Delegated Authority Monthly Report
August and September 1997
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 4.6.7.4)
- Chief Administrative Officer's memorandum dated 01 Oct 97

FINANCE

2. Delegated Authority Quarterly Report
April to June 1997
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 1.6.1)
- Finance Commissioner's memorandum dated 25 Aug 97

REGIONAL CLERK

3. Record of Tender Openings
for the Month of September 1997
(As Per Corporate Policy Manual Section 4.6.6)
- Regional Clerk's memorandum dated 30 Sep 97
4. Appointment to the Rideau Valley
Conservation Authority
- Regional Clerk's memorandum dated 14 Oct 97

CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA

The Committee waived discussion on Confidential Agenda Item Nos. 1, 3 and 4 and approved the staff recommendation without an In Camera session.

FINANCE / LEGAL

1. ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARGES
DEMOLITION CREDIT
- Joint Finance Commissioner and Regional Solicitor's report dated 07 Oct 97

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

RECEIVED

LEGAL

3. ALLEGED OVERPAYMENT OF WATER ACCOUNT - RAYMOND, CHABOT INC
(AS RECEIVER FOR MIDANCO CANADA INC.) - 160 CHAPEL STREET
PROPOSED OFFER TO SETTLE
- Regional Solicitor's report dated 10 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve that the Region offer to settle the claims of Midanco Canada Inc. and Raymond, Chabot Inc. for up to \$250,000.00 in respect of alleged overpayment of the water account, service charge and sewer service charges for 160 Chapel Street, Ottawa during period of December 15, 1988 to May 13, 1993.

CARRIED

4. LITIGATION - COLAUTTI CONSTRUCTION LIMITED V. REGIONAL
MUNICIPALITY OF OTTAWA-CARLETON AND KOSTUCH ENGINEERING
LIMITED- CARP COMMUNAL WATER AND SEWER PROJECT -
CONTRACT CS-3075
- Regional Solicitor's report dated 15 Oct 97

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee approve settlement of the litigation brought by Colautti Construction Ltd. related to the Village of Carp Communal Water and Sewer Project, Local Sewers and Watermains - Phase II - Contract CS-3075 on the basis of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton paying to Colautti Construction the total amount of \$358,000 in full and final settlement of all claims.

CARRIED

INQUIRIES

Outstanding Inquiry C&E No. 11(97)
Road Maintenance Costs of Environment and Transportation -
Infrastructure Maintenance

Councillor P. Hume requested staff undertake a benchmarking of road maintenance costs comparison between the RMOC and area road authorities including the Ministry of Transportation and report back to the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee. The Councillor noted the Region would be taking over a number of roads from the Province in the near future and he believed it would be beneficial if staff and Councillors were aware of how the Region's road maintenance compare to others.

Outstanding Inquiry C&E No. 12(97)
Corporate Identification for Infrastructure Projects

Councillor P. Hume requested staff review the current Corporate Identification Program and identify opportunities to improve the RMOC's corporate identification, in particular for infrastructure projects. The Councillor referenced a large watermain project currently underway on Alta Vista Drive and noted there was no corporate identification posted indicating the RMOC is the proponent or any recognition that the RMOC is responsible for the work. Councillor Hume added the City of Ottawa was advertising they were responsible for the work, causing tremendous confusion for citizens of Ottawa-Carleton.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair P. Clark announced the cancellation of the 04 November 1997 meeting. He indicated that the Committee would meet on 18 November 1997 if required, but that this meeting could be cancelled if there is an insufficient number of items for consideration. Should this be the case, the next meeting will not be held until the new CS&ED Committee has been appointed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

A/CO-ORDINATOR

CHAIR