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DATE 3 May 1999

TO/DEST. Chair and Members of Council

FROM/EXP. Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT/OBJET **REGIONAL ASSUMPTION OF LANSDOWNE PARK  
UNIFICATION OF OTTAWA AND REGIONAL SEWER  
SYSTEMS**

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Subsequent to the 23 April 1999 briefing of City and Regional Councils, the recommendations to the respective Councils have been reviewed by staff. The recommendations as presented to both Councils made reference to the 1998 Lansdowne Park Preservation Agreement. In fact, while the joint report anticipates that such agreement will be ready for submission to both Councils in July, the agreement has not of course been drafted as of yet.

Therefore to reflect that the agreement does not exist as of yet and the ability of either Council, until such agreement has been executed, to withdraw from the negotiations, the recommendations to be submitted to both Councils as well as the preamble to such recommendations has been revised. The revised preamble and recommendations is attached as Appendix "A" to this memo. The revisions do not represent any substantive change to the proposal as it was presented to both Councils on 23 April 1999.

*Original signed by C.M. Beckstead*

C.M. Beckstead

Attach. (1)

**APPENDIX “A”**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** The Corporation of the City of Ottawa is the owner of approximately 40 acres of land in the area of Bank Street and The Queen Elizabeth Driveway, upon which land, over a period of more than 100 years it has developed and operated stadiums, arenas and sports, recreation and conference facilities, all of which are collectively known as Lansdowne Park; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the current operations of Lansdowne Park, The City of Ottawa annually incurs a deficit of \$1,200,000, which deficit is met by the taxpayers of The City of Ottawa; and

**WHEREAS** since Lansdowne Park has served and continues to serve the residents of the entire Region of Ottawa-Carleton as well as many persons residing even beyond those boundaries, it is more appropriate for it to be considered a regional facility and a regional responsibility; and

**WHEREAS** plans for the redevelopment and future use and role of Lansdowne Park are expected to be commenced for public consultation following the completion of existing commitments of Lansdowne Park to the Francophone Games (2001), the Central Canada Exhibition (2000 and 2001) and the Ottawa 67's 2000-2002 playing seasons, in accordance with all planning and environmental procedures; and

**WHEREAS** the report of the Municipal Review Commissioner, Murray Jones, in 1965, which led to the creation of Ottawa-Carleton, and the subsequent reports of Municipal Review Commissioners: Mayo, in 1976; Bartlett, in 1988; and Kirby, in 1992, have all recommended and endorsed the concept of a unified system for trunk and sanitary sewers, sewage treatment and disposal, and solid waste collection and disposal for Ottawa-Carleton; and

**WHEREAS** the trunk sanitary sewer system and sewage treatment and disposal systems, established by the Region in 1968 as the Regional system, had as its core facility the trunk and treatment systems designed, developed and paid for by the City of Ottawa over a long period of time, which facilities have been utilized by the Region for the continuing benefit of Ottawa and other Area Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS, which The Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton is responsible for providing all solid waste collection and disposal services, all trunk sewage treatment and disposal services in the Regional Area, the City of Ottawa has retained jurisdiction and responsibility for the construction, maintenance and operation of all local sanitary and combined sewers in the City; and**

**WHEREAS, as a result of this overlapping jurisdiction both the Region and the City maintain similar systems, work forces and operations to serve the same residents with what is, in fact, one sewer system; and**

**WHEREAS, as the result of economies of scale and the elimination of duplicate services, programs and facilities, it is possible for the Ottawa sanitary and combined sewer system to be transferred to and operated by the Region as part of the regional system on a basis that will provide significant financial savings to the taxpayers of Ottawa in both Ottawa and Regional levies; and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and the Council of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa approve in principle the said report and direct their respective officials to prepare such agreements and take such action including, without limitation, the due diligence contemplated by the said report, as are required to enable the Regional and City Councils to formally consider and, if deemed appropriate, approve and implement this proposal, with the formal Agreement to be executed by 30 June 1999 and with all closings and transfers to be completed no later than October 29, 1999.**