

**1. RURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAMME
CONTRACT CC-9897**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the award of Contract No. CC-9897 in the amount of \$116,800 for professional services from the South Nation Conservation Authority over the next two years to assist in the development and implementation of a Rural Clean Water Programme.

DOCUMENTATION

1. Environment and Transportation A/Deputy Commissioner's report dated 01 Oct 99 is immediately attached.
2. Extract of Draft Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Minute, 02 Nov 99, immediately follows the report and includes a record of the vote.

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REPORTRAPPORT

Our File/N/Réf. **50 01-99-0221-DD**
Your File/V/Réf.

DATE 01 October 1999

TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Acting Deputy Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **RURAL WATER QUALITY PROGRAMME**
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DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council approve the award of Contract No. CC-9897 in the amount of \$116,800 for professional services from the South Nation Conservation Authority over the next two years to assist in the development and implementation of a Rural Clean Water Programme.

BACKGROUND

As part of the 1999 Capital Budget, Council approved funding for a Rural Clean Water Programme to provide assistance to rural residents of Ottawa-Carleton to implement measures to reduce both point source and non-point source water pollution in the rural portion of the Region. The South Nation Conservation Authority (SNCA) currently offers a similar programme within the South Nation watershed. A portion of the South Nation watershed lies within Regional boundaries.

In order to gain from the experience of the SNCA in operating their programme and to ensure co-ordination of available funding for the rural area, it is recommended that expertise from the SNCA be retained on a cost-recovery basis for the SNCA.

RURAL CLEAN WATER PROGRAMME

The timeframe for development and implementation of the programme is three years. The agreement between the Region and the SNCA for a Programme Manager is for two years, with an option for a third year. The Programme Manager will lead the communications process in

identifying the programme, associated technical issues, grants eligibility, grants funding levels and steering committee structure and membership.

CONSULTATION

An extensive public consultation process is associated with the development of the Rural Water Quality Programme, to be completed by the spring of 2000.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Approved Budget to Date	250,000
Total Paid and Committed	<u>(59,470)</u>
Balance Available	190,530
THIS REQUEST	<u>(116,800)</u>
Balance Remaining (1999 Order)	<u>73,730</u>

Funds have been provided in the 1999 Capital Budget Account No. 932-43420 (Order No. 900264), Rural Water Quality Programme, Purchase Requisition No. 10021297.

*Approved by
Nancy B. Schepers, P. Eng.*

MT/bs/ls

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available as indicated.

*Approved by T. Fedec
on behalf of the Finance Commissioner*

Extract of Draft Minute
Corporate Services and
Economic Development Committee
02 November 1999

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- Environment and Transportation A/Deputy Commissioner's
report dated 01 Oct 99

Councillor Hill requested further information on the programme proposed by the South Nation Conservation Authority (SNCA). N. Schepers, Deputy Commissioner, Environment, reported the SNCA had submitted a proposal to develop a *regional* rural clean water quality programme, which had been approved as part of the 1999 Capital program. She stated through the work of an individual retained from the SNCA, and in consultation with the agricultural community, the local municipalities and Provincial agencies, a made in Ottawa-Carleton programme would be developed, noting the three watersheds in the Region. Ms. Schepers added the staff report represented a contract entered into with the SNCA for the services and expertise of the individual retained from the SNCA.

Councillor Hill inquired about duplication as she believed the conservation authorities were involved in similar activities. Councillor Stewart reported the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority had previously delivered the provincially funded Clean Up Rural Beaches programme, however, confirmed it had been discontinued 4-5 years ago. Councillor Stewart stated the RVCA were investigating programmes of this type, however, they presently did not have an active programme.

Councillor Hill requested more information regarding the measures to reduce both point source and non-point source water pollution. Ms. Schepers explained they were presently involved in the programme development phase. However, additional information on the programme content, grant structure and approval membership, etc., would be presented to the Planning and Environment Committee in approximately February 2000. Councillor Hill stated she would watch for further information.

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CARRIED