

Regional Council
Ottawa-Carleton
13 January 1999
1:30P.M.

DRAFT AGENDA

A. NATIONAL ANTHEM

B. PRAYER

C. ROLL CALL

D. REGIONAL CHAIR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

E. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 09 December, 1998.

F. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM PRIOR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

G. COMMUNICATIONS*

Issued separately.

*** COMMUNICATIONS HELD ON FILE WITH THE REGIONAL CLERK.**

H. REGRETS

The following members of Council advising that they will be absent from Council and Committee meetings during the dates indicated:

Councillor M. Bellemare

8-22 January 1999.

I. RECONSIDERATION

Moved by Councillor A. Munter

Seconded by Councillor M. McGoldrick-Larsen

RESOLVED THAT Council reconsider Motion No. 311 to amend Item 2 of Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 20 - Recognition of the Rideau Waterway as a Canadian Heritage River.

Motion No. 311 reads as follows:

MOTION NO. 311

Moved by Councillor B. Hill

Seconded by Councillor R. van den Ham

WHEREAS the Region, as stated in its Public Consultation Policy in effect since 1993, “is committed to ensuring that administrative and policy processes are open and accessible, are respectful of the public’s right to be involved, and are responsive to the public need for information”;

WHEREAS the Region, as part of its business, routinely consults and involves the residents of Ottawa-Carleton in making decisions that have a direct impact on them, over and above the Provincial legislative requirements set out in the *Planning Act*, the *Municipal Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*;

WHEREAS the Region, as part of its Official Plan review, notified, informed and consulted residents, community associations and stakeholder groups on all land designation and policy revisions, over and above the Provincial legislative requirements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL not consider supporting The Canadian Heritage Rivers System’s request to recognize the Rideau Waterway, from Ottawa to Kingston, as a Canadian Heritage River, until the organization has demonstrated that it has informed and consulted the public, including land-owners along the Waterway, of this proposed designation.

J. MOTION TO INTRODUCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT NOS. 23 AND 24

**CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 29**

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NOS. 22
AND 23 (IN CAMERA)**

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NOS. 27 AND 28

K. MOTION TO ADOPT COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. MOTION TO INTRODUCE BY-LAWS THREE READINGS

1. **Being a by-law to approve area municipality by-laws** (regulating traffic on local streets as follows:)

Township of Cumberland 76-98

City of Nepean 124-98.

2. **Being a by-law to establish the Sewer Reserve Fund.**
3. **Being a by-law to establish the Corporate Fleet Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund**
4. **Being a by-law to establish the Regional Police Service and Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund.**
5. **Being a by-law to establish the Computer Hardware and Software Replacement Reserve Fund.**

M. MOTIONS (OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

Moved by Councillor W. Byrne

Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

WHEREAS the Canadian banking industry is a federally regulated industry that has been built with the capital of Canadians and has historically flourished under the protection of federal regulation; and

WHEREAS it is vital to the Canadian economy and the prosperity and security of Canadians that the financial services industry remain stable, sustainable, and accessible; and

WHEREAS bank branches are disappearing from communities, and in some cases being replaced by electronic banking which does not meet the needs of many Canadians; and

WHEREAS small and medium sized businesses, which provide 80% of new jobs in Canada, already have problems obtaining reasonable credit from banks and need more access to credit based on local bank decision making; and

WHEREAS the proposed mergers of Canada's four biggest banks into two megabanks will result in a concentration of economic power detrimental to federal regulation of the industry, accountability and customer and commercial choice, and that there is no proof that megabanks will bring benefits or better services to Canadians; and

WHEREAS the collapse of megabanks could seriously harm the Canadian economy; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton urge the federal government to:

- **Refuse the proposed bank mergers as unnecessary and not in the best interests of Canadians.**
- **Enact legislation that ensures banks are accountable to Canadian communities by establishing service and lending benchmarks guaranteed by enforceable undertakings.**
- **Enact legislation that guarantees everyone living in Canada an account with a deposit taking institution, including the option of a low cost, no frills account and protection from arbitrary and excessive holding of checks, regardless of income, age or handicap.**

Enact legislation that forces the banks to fund a truly independent ombudsperson with the power to make binding rulings.

N. NOTICES OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING)

O. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

P. INQUIRIES

Q. ADJOURNMENT