

5. 1998 DRAFT OPERATING AND DRAFT CAPITAL ESTIMATES, (HOMES FOR THE AGED), COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION, AS AMENDED

That Council approve the 1998 Draft Operating and Draft Capital Estimates (Homes for the Aged), as tabled with Regional Council on 11 February 1998, and as amended by the Budget Review Board report dated 31 March 1998.

DOCUMENTATION

1. 1998 Draft Operating and Capital Estimates (Homes for the Aged), Community Services Committee, as Tabled with Regional Council on 11 February 1998, previously distributed.
2. 1998 Operating Draft Estimate Reductions, Budget Review Board Recommendations, report dated 31 March 1998, previously distributed.
3. Extract of Draft Minute, Community Services Committee, 23 April 1998 immediately follows the report and includes a record of all votes.

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- A/Committee Co-ordinator report dated 7 April 1998

Homes For the Aged Budget

Commissioner Garry Armstrong presented the budget estimates for the Homes for the Aged Department.¹ He briefly summarized the current situation of a waiting list of 1400 for long term care (LTC) beds and a projected requirement for 1016 new beds by the year 2003.

Commissioner Armstrong referred to a recent announcement from the Ministry of Health of 1700 new LTC beds for Ontario, but there are not details yet as to how this will affect Ottawa-Carleton. He pointed out that the Department operated about 20% of the LTC beds in the Region, which is fairly consistent with other municipalities. The handout provided information on the resident and staffing profiles of a typical 40 bed unit.

Commissioner Armstrong stated that since 1992, the Department has reduced its operating budget by over \$3 million and has reduced staffing by 20% (115 FTEs). The 15% portion of the budget that is not staff-related (e.g. food & utilities) has also been reduced from 1992 levels.

The 1998 budget, presented to Council, of \$31.626 million Gross/\$8.257 Net represents a \$100,000 net reduction over 1997. This budget includes an expansion of 44 beds at Centre d'accueil Champlain and the subsequent staffing increase of 10.7 FTEs.

The Budget Review Board recommended the reduction of \$190,000 representing three supervisory positions. Commissioner Armstrong stated those positions have not been filled.

Speaking to the capital budget, Commissioner Armstrong stated that \$34 million replacement of Island Lodge was underway. The first building, the Peter D. Clark Centre, would be tendered this summer. In addition, there is the facilities retrofit of \$187,000. The replacement of Island Lodge with province support, and in consideration of operational savings, will see a minimum \$1 million net benefit to the Region.

Question to staff

¹ A copy of the presentation highlights are held on file by the Committee Co-ordinator

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In response to a question from Chair Munter, Commissioner Armstrong stated the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the allocation of LTC beds was intended to be as open as possible. The Ministry will be establishing Advisory Committees to make recommendations to the Minister on the award of those beds. He stated the intent was to maintain a balance in the system between for-profit and not-for-profit operators. He suggested that the RFP process will benefit the not-for-profit sector because the it will identify enhancements to the system (i.e. day centres, respite care and additional community program space) based on the bidding process.

Moved by M. McGoldrick-Larsen

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve the 1998 Draft Operating and Draft Capital Budgets (Homes for the Aged Department) as tabled with Regional Council on 11 February 1998, including the modifications recommended by the Budget Review Board.

CARRIED