

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF
OTTAWA-CARLETON
COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton met at Haydon Hall, Regional Headquarters, 111 Lisgar Street, Ottawa on Wednesday, 23 April at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m. and opened in prayer.

The Regional Chair, Peter D. Clark, presided.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 9 April 1997 were confirmed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM PRIOR MEETINGS
OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

No declarations of interest were filed.

REGRETS

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

No Regrets were Filed.

***COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Bryan Wilfert, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) urging Council to adopt a resolution that calls for deposit/return regulations on all beverage containers sold in the Province, for packaging stewardship programs. FCM has actively encouraged industry to voluntarily achieve waste diversion targets for packaging and feel that if targets are not met legislation will be required.
2. Eldred King, Vice-Chairman, GO Transit, endorsing OC Transit Commissions resolution regarding Exemption of Employee Transit passes from taxation.
3. Village of Rockcliffe Park, forwarding their resolution which opposes the closing of the Montfort Hospital and supporting the city of Vanier in this regard.
4. United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry responding to Council's resolution on Provincial Highway Transfers, and advising that their Council has endorsed the RMOC recommendations in this regard.
5. United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry responding to Council's resolution on bilingual stop signs in Ontario and advising that it was filed without any further action taken.
6. Town of Jaffray Melick, forwarding their resolution regarding downloading of Provincial Highways, which recommends that they refuse to accept responsibility for highways unilaterally downloaded by the province and are asking Council to endorse their resolution.
7. Judy MacDonald, Ontario Water Works Association advising Council of Drinking Water Awareness Week from May 4-10, 1997, with the purpose of promoting efficient use of water resources and a better understanding of the quality of drinking water. They are encouraging the RMOC be a part of the activities in a variety of ways.
8. Carp Agricultural Society thanking Council for the grant that they received, which will help stage the Ontario Farriers' Competition at their 134th Annual fair.

9. Organization of Small Urban Municipalities 44th Annual Conference will be held from April 30 to May 2, 1997 in Stratford. An information package was attached for additional information and itinerary.
10. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) advising that they intend to make candidates for the next Federal election, more aware of municipal government issues and concerns, and seek their commitment to address these issues. Accordingly FCM is seeking the submission of specific issues, such as downloading of services to municipalities by Federal or provincial governments.
11. Canadian Soft Drink Association, setting out the reasons why their association opposes a deposit-based solution such as that supported by the Ontario Beer Industry and their commitment to provide Blue Box solutions to handle waste and recycling.
12. City of Kanata, responding to the RMOC's proposal to realign due dates for remittance of the levy by area municipalities. The city objects to the Region's proposals to change tax levy due dates and that this should be looked at in conjunction with other impacts facing municipalities, regarding provincial downloading of services.
Note: Item 10 of Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 56, adopted by Council on 12, March 1997, refers.
13. The Honourable Al Leach, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, acknowledging Council's letter regarding restructuring in Ottawa-Carleton. He feels that restructuring should be a locally driven initiative, including panel selection and time-line dates. He plans to extend restructuring authority to regional municipalities as well as counties and the north.

COMMUNICATIONS HELD ON FILE WITH THE REGIONAL CLERK*

MOTION TO INTRODUCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION NO. 96

Moved by Councillor D. Beamish
Seconded by Councillor A. Munter

RESOLVED THAT Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 59; Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 56 and Transportation Committee Report Nos. 49 and 50 be received and considered.

“CARRIED”

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CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 59

1. FLEET STREET PUMPING STATION
HYDRAULIC CAPACITY STUDY
CONTRACT CA9315 - CONSULTANT APPOINTMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the appointment of Delcan Corporation, Ottawa, to provide engineering services for a study of the hydraulic capacity of the Fleet Street Pumping Station (Contract CA9315), for a total contract provision of \$88,785.

“CARRIED”

2. WATER METERS REPLACEMENT
CONTRACT NO. CW 7601 - CONTRACT AWARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the award of Contract No. CW 7601 to Schlumberger Canada Limited, Mississauga, to provide services and material for the replacement of small water meters, for a total contract provision of \$912,311.55.

“CARRIED”

3. REINSTATEMENT OF LANDSCAPING WORKS
CONTRACT NO. CW 7604 - CONTRACT AWARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the award of Contract CW 7604 to Canada Paving and Construction Ltd., Nepean, for the reinstatement of landscaping works associated with road cuts excavated by Regional forces within the geographical boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, for a total contract provision of \$61,846.00.

“CARRIED”

4. INVESTMENT POLICY - NEW REGULATIONSCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt an interim policy for all Regional investments, including Sinking Fund investments in the form of regulation 74/97 pending resolution of staff concerns relating to certain restrictions contained in this regulation at which time revised investment policies will be presented to Council for consideration.

“CARRIED”

5. REVIEW OF THE *OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT*COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the submission on the reform of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* to the Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of Labour.

“CARRIED”

6. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
270 BEECHWOOD AVENUE
VILLAGE OF ROCKCLIFFE PARKCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Declare the property described as being part of Beechwood Avenue, Registered Plan 92, Village of Rockcliffe Park, and shown as Part 1, Plan 4R-10798, surplus to Regional needs;**
- 2. Approve the sale of Part 1, Plan 4R-10798 to John Bruce deMercado for the amount of \$500.00 pursuant to an agreement of Purchase and Sale that has been received.**

“CARRIED”

7. **ONTARIO GOOD ROADS
ASSOCIATION (OGRA) - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm the name of Councillor Robert van den Ham to serve as the Regional representative on the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Board of Directors.

“CARRIED”

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 56

1. **CITY OF OTTAWA COMPREHENSIVE
OFFICIAL PLAN - DEFERRALS NOS. 15 AND 23**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council lift Deferrals Nos. 15 and 23 to the City of Ottawa Official Plan and refer the same sections of the text and schedule to the Ontario Municipal Board in accordance with the revisions to the original Approval Pages attached as Annex I.

MOTION NO. 97

Moved by Councillor G. Hunter
Seconded by Councillor A. Cullen

RESOLVED THAT the Approval page attached to Item 1 of Planning and Environment Committee Report 56 (Dealing with the lifting of Deferrals No. 15 and 23) be amended so that Referral No. 65 reads: “67” and Referral No. 66 reads; “68”.

“CARRIED”

Item 1 of Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 56 as amended by Motion No. 97 was then put to Council and “CARRIED”.

2. REFERRAL OF CITY OF OTTAWA OFFICIAL PLAN
AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council refer to the Ontario Municipal Board City of Ottawa Official Plan Amendment No. 3 together with the proposed modifications attached as Annex I and that the Board be advised that as this Amendment conforms with Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 49 Council supports its approval.

“CARRIED”

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 49

1. PRIVATE SIGNS ON REGIONAL ROADS - HIGHWAY SIGNS BY-LAW

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve:

1. The Highway Signs By-law;
2. The deletion of Section 2.2.4 of the Regional Regulatory Code;
3. Amendments to Parts 2.5 and 2.10 of the Regional Regulatory Code to exempt the placement of signs pursuant to the Highway Signs By-law;
4. That as staff resources permit, unauthorized signs be removed from Regional roads and that staff respond as required on a complaint basis, except where a sign is an obvious safety hazard;
5. That permit fees not be charged, except for banners;
6. That a processing fee of \$34.00 per application be charged to cover the administrative cost of processing an application to place a banner on or over a Regional road;
7. That the area municipalities be requested to adopt the Highway Signs By-law to regulate signs within their jurisdictions which will establish uniform sign regulations;
8. That staff liaise with the area municipalities to develop standards allowing additional signs on the road allowance, by permit;

- 9. That sandwich board/A-frame signs be allowed in a similar fashion to that of the City of Ottawa in the City of Ottawa only and that the by-law be amended accordingly, and;**
- 10. That there be allowed one poster per block face per poster subject within the boundaries of the Ottawa River to the North, the Rideau River (Billings Bridge) to the south and east from the Rideau River to Preston Street.**

MOTION NO. 98

Moved by Councillor M. Bellemare
Seconded by Councillor M. Meilleur

RESOLVED THAT with reference to Item 1 of Transportation Committee Report No. 49, notwithstanding any provision of this by-law, that the length of time that election signs remain in place prior to election day, remain at the discretion of candidates.

“LOST” on a division of 16 nays to 2 yeas as follows:

NAYS: Councillors Pratt, van den Ham, Holmes, McGarry, Beamish, Munter, Hume, Loney, Meilleur, Legendre, Davis, Kreling, Hunter, Stewart, Cantin and Chair Clark...16

YEAS: Councillors Bellemare and Cullen...2

MOTION NO. 99

Moved by Councillor B. Hill
Seconded by Councillor R. van den Ham

RESOLVED THAT Sandwich Board/A-Frame signs be allowed on Regional Roads in the rural townships.

MOTION NO. 100

Moved by Councillor A. Munter
Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

RESOLVED THAT Motion No. 99 be REFERRED to Staff for a report to the Transportation Committee.

“CARRIED”

Item 1 of Transportation Committee Report No. 49 was then put to Council and “CARRIED”.

2. **COURIER DROP BOXES**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve:

1. **The placement and operation of courier drop boxes on Regional roads be permitted;**
2. **Amendments to Part 2.10 of the Regional Regulatory Code as required to implement the above.**

“CARRIED”

3. **PERMIT FEES**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the proposed fees in the chart attached as Annex A.

“CARRIED”

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 50

1. **CUMBERLAND TRANSITWAY AND BLACKBURN HAMLET BY-PASS EXTENSION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDIES**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve:

1. **the EAP as the Terms of Reference for subsequent environmental assessment studies of the Cumberland Transitway and Blackburn Hamlet Bypass Extension;**
2. **the undertaking of an Environmental Assessment Study for the section between the eastern limit of the Blackburn Hamlet Bypass and Trim Road.**

“CARRIED”

2. **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS - WELLINGTON STREET AND EAST GATE ACCESS TO PARLIAMENT HILL**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve Recommendation 2 as follows:

2. **a temporary traffic control signal be installed on Wellington Street and East Gate access to Parliament Hill until the commencement of the Wellington Street Phase III project in 1998 and subject to Public Works and Government Services Canada:**
 - a. **paying the total cost of the signal installation, subsequent removal and associated median break (estimated cost - \$96,000);**
 - b. **paying the annual maintenance and operating costs, and;**
 - c. **executing an agreement with respect to (a) and (b).**

“CARRIED”

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**MOTION NO. 101**

Moved by Councillor D. Holmes
Seconded by Councillor J. Legendre

RESOLVED THAT Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee Report No. 59; Planning and Environment Committee Report No. 56 and Transportation Committee Report Nos. 49 and 50 be received and adopted as amended by Motion No. 97 with Motion No. 99 being REFERRED to staff of the Transportation Department (see Motion No. 100).

“CARRIED”

MOTION TO INTRODUCE BY-LAWS**MOTION NO. 102**

Moved by Councillor L. Davis
Seconded by Councillor B. McGarry

RESOLVED THAT the following by-laws be enacted and passed:

By-law 30 of 1997 to provide for the temporary implementation of traffic and parking regulations during Stage I of Phase II of the Wellington Street Reconstruction.

By-law 31 of 1997 to amend Parts of Chapter Two, Regional Roads, of the Regional Regulatory Code relating to permit fees.

“CARRIED”

By-laws enacted and passed.

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

Moved by Councillor P. Hume
Seconded by Councillor A. Loney

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in a letter to Regional Chair Peter Clark is encouraging “all parties to persevere and to complete the development of a locally designed process”; and

WHEREAS the broad approval of the McGarry motion has shown that a locally designed process and a local solution to the current governance problem is possible; and

WHEREAS this issue will be hotly debated during the 1997 municipal election and these debates will be extremely valuable in understanding the issues and concerns of residents of this region; and

WHEREAS the next and most difficult step in the restructuring debate is the establishment and composition of a citizens panel; and

WHEREAS to be successful in this endeavour we must recognize the legitimate concerns of all of the region’s residents and we must ensure that the panel can recognize, understand and resolve those concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ottawa-Carleton Citizen’s Panel on local government reform be comprised of 16 members plus a Panel Chairperson; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that appointment to the 16 member panel be made on the following basis:

- **8 members appointed by Regional Council**
- **4 members appointed by the Council of the City of Ottawa**
- **4 members appointed by the remaining area municipalities**

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a committee comprised of the Regional Chair, the Mayor of the City of Ottawa and a representative of the Ottawa-Carleton Mayors forum appoint the Panel Chairperson; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the 8 members of the citizens panel to be appointed by Regional Council reflect the linguistic duality and the geographic diversity of The Region of Ottawa-Carleton; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that in addition to following responsibilities:

- To hear submissions from politicians and taxpayers of Ottawa-Carleton.
- To identify guiding principles.
- To investigate all models of governance.
- To hold public hearings across the region of Ottawa-Carleton.
- To undertake research on different political and administrative structures/models.

that the panel be tasked with developing a comprehensive terms of reference and timeframe and that the terms of reference and timeframe be adopted by the panel before July 30, 1997; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this motion be adopted by Regional Council subject to it being endorsed by a majority of area municipal councils representing a majority of the population and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for his information and circulated to all area municipalities for endorsement.

CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

MOTION NO. 103

Moved by Councillor W. Stewart
Seconded by Councillor B. Hill

RESOLVED THAT by-law 32 of 1997 to confirm the proceedings of Council be enacted and passed.

“CARRIED”

By-law enacted and passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

CLERK

CHAIR