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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator,
Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Planning and Property Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **CITY OF OTTAWA COMPREHENSIVE OFFICIAL PLAN
RESOLUTION OF DEFERRAL NO. 18 - OTTAWA CIVIC
HOSPITAL, RUSKIN STREET PARKING LOT**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Environment Committee recommend that as stipulated on the Approval page attached as Annex A, Council lift Deferral No. 18 to the City of Ottawa Official Plan, 1991; delete the pertinent text and introduce by modification the following text:

“To ensure that the use of the City-owned lands on the north side of the Civic Hospital (bounded by Ruskin, Reid, Hutchison and MacFarlane) which was originally taken over by the City of Ottawa as open space, is limited to a surface parking lot of not more than 270 parking stalls and the adjoining green space, all in existence as of 1995. The lot is primarily for the use of Civic Hospital patients and visitors;

The period of the usage is for not less than 30 years, beginning in 1995. The Hospital will continue to monitor its parking operations and will assess all other options for the supply of parking facilities appropriate to the demands which it faces during this time period. Subsequent to this time period, the use of these lands as a park will be re-evaluated. Area residents, the local community association, the City and the Civic Hospital are to be included as participants in the re-evaluation.”

BACKGROUND

The Ottawa Civic Hospital has objected to a policy in the City of Ottawa's Comprehensive Official Plan, 1991, which requires parking to be removed from the Ruskin Street parking lot, which serves the hospital, by 1996 at the latest. The policy states:

- "i) the temporary parking on the land on the north side of the Civic Hospital (bounded by Ruskin, Reid, Hutchison and MacFarlane) is to end no later than 1996 when land will revert to its former status as a City park.
- ii) The current use of the land as temporary parking is to be reduced incrementally, year-by-year, beginning in 1991, so that parking is entirely removed from the land no later than 1996. A schedule showing the successive annual reductions in parking spaces will be implemented to achieve the required elimination of parking from the land by no later than the required date."

The Hospital asked that consideration of the policy be deferred pending its review of a recently completed parking study and discussions with the City of Ottawa.

When Regional Council gave partial approval to the City of Ottawa Official Plan on April 13, 1994 it agreed to defer approval of the above policy and directed staff to report back to Planning and Environment Committee in six months (on the status of the discussions between the Hospital, the City of Ottawa and the local community representatives). When staff reported back (Planning and Environment Committee January 10, 1995) it noted that the City of Ottawa Commissioner of Planning and Development, had advised that discussions were continuing. Staff also noted that once the Region was advised of the outcome of the discussions another report would be brought forward.

The City of Ottawa Commissioner of Planning, Economic Development and Housing has now written to advise that the Ottawa Civic Hospital and the Civic Hospital Community Association have agreed on a revised wording (quoted in the Departmental Recommendation above) and he appended letters to this effect from both the parties.

DISCUSSION

Now that all parties have agreed to the proposed wording it is appropriate to lift Deferral 18 and replace the existing text with the proposed. There are no issues in this matter that affect the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton.

CONSULTATION

The issue regarding the Ruskin Street parking lot came to the forefront during the review of the City of Ottawa Official Plan and was the subject of submissions to Regional Planning and Environment Committee both by the Civic Hospital and by local community representatives. Both these two interests and the City of Ottawa have been involved in and are satisfied with the proposed solution.

In staff's opinion the proposed solution does not raise an issue that requires wide public involvement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for the Corporation that flow from making the proposed modification.

*Approved by
N. Tunnacliffe*

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REVISION NO. 2

APPROVAL PAGES
CITY OF OTTAWA OFFICIAL PLAN

I hereby certify that the Official Plan for the City of Ottawa, which was approved in part by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton on 13 Apr. 94 and 22 Nov 95, under Sections 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, was further dealt with by Regional Council on1996 as follows:

1. Under the provisions of Section 17(10) of the Planning Act, Deferral No. 18 related to Section 2.3.2.5 c) of Key Principles of Neighbourhood Plans in Volume II was lifted.
2. Under Section 17(9) of the Planning Act the following modification was made:

Modification No. 347 (Vol. II, Key Principles of Neighbourhood Plans)

Section 2.3.2.5 Open Space/Parks/Leisure Resources is modified to delete in their entirety paragraphs numbered “i)” and “ii)” in subsection c) and replace them with the following:

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Dated this day of , 1996.

Clerk, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton