

City Council February 8, 2017 – Closed Captioning Transcript

>> GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF I COULD ASK MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO TAKE THEIR SEAT AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE THEIR SEAT. WE'LL START IN ONE MINUTE. [\M\M\M] [\M\M\M]

>> GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME.

>> (Through Interpreter): WELCOME TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 8th, 2017.

>> Mayor Watson: FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE STAND FOR A MOMENT OF REFLECTION AND REMAIN STANDING AS WE WILL SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

>> Mayor Watson: AS TODAY IS A SNOW DAY AND THE SCHOOL BUSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, COUNCILLOR HUBLEY'S SPECIAL GUEST FROM HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE WITH US. WE'LL PLAY A VERSION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, AND WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GET TO COME TO ANOTHER SPECIAL EVENT AT COUNCIL. THANK YOU. ALAN IS DOING A SOLO. [\M\M\M] (CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM) \M O CANADA \M \M OUR HOME AND NATIVE LAND \M \M TRUE PATRIOT LOVE \M \M IN ALL THY SONS COMMAND \M ([Singing in French] [Singing in French]

>> Mayor Watson: AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO INVITE SHARON ROPER TO THE PODIUM FOR THIS MEETING CITY BUILDER AWARD ALONG WITH SHARON'S COUNCILLOR, COUNCILLOR EL-CHANTIRY AND SHARON HAS HER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER.) SHARON, COME ON UP HERE, PLEASE, AND ELI IS RIGHT BEHIND US. COUNCILLOR. SHARON IS A DEDICATED CONTRIBUTOR TO THE LEADERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE WEST CARLETON FOOD ACCESS CENTRE. AS A LONG STANDING VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY MEMBER SHE HAS DEDICATED COUNTLESS HOURS TO MAKE SURE NO RESIDENT OF KARP AND THE SURROUNDING WEST CARLETON AREA GOES WITHOUT. THE FOOD BANK SERVES THE NEEDS OF 66 FAMILIES IN WEST CARLETON AND SHARON HELPS TO KEEP THE SHELVES FULL. IN ADDITION TO THE DIRECT WORK THAT SHE DOES, SHARON ALSO PLAYS A ROLE IN THE TRAINING AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY. FOR YEARS SHARON HAS ALSO BEEN THE COORDINATOR OF THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM IN WEST CARLETON WORKING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES. SHE STARTS WELL BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO DISTRIBUTE ANGEL TREES FOR AGE APPROPRIATE TOYS IN CARLETON. THE TOYS ARE DISTRIBUTED ALONGSIDE FOOD HAMPERS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. SHARON TRULY EMBODIES, SELFLESSNESS AND A COMMITMENT TO HER COMMUNITY EVEN OUTSIDE OF MANY OF HER VOLUNTEER ROLES, THE PROSPERITY OF HER NEIGHBOURS IS ALSO A PRIORITY. LAST FEBRUARY WHEN THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE WATER PIPES AT THE LOCAL SENIORS RESIDENCE AND THE WATER HAD TO BE SHUT OFF SHARON SAW A NEED TO TAKE ACTION DOING LAUNDRY FOR

MANY OF THE RESIDENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SHARON, FOR YOUR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUE COUNCILLOR EL-CHANTIRY IT'S MY HONOUR TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE BUILDER AWARD.

>> (Through Interpreter): THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY, SHARON. [Applause] [End of Translation]

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE HONOUR. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE, AND I ENJOY VOLUNTEERING VERY, VERY MUCH. I RETIRED FIVE YEARS AGO FROM WORKING AS A PROFESSIONAL R.N. AFTER 45 YEARS OF SERVICE, AND AT THAT TIME I WAS WONDERING WHAT I SHOULD DO TO HELP OTHERS, AS I STILL WANTED TO CONTINUE TO DO THIS. I REMAINED VOLUNTEERING HELPING AS MUCH AS I CAN FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS, OTHERS IN NEED IN THE COMMUNITY, AND IT IS -- AND IF WE DON'T HAVE -- VOLUNTEERS, REALLY, BRING THE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER, AND IF -- WE ALWAYS NEED MORE AND MORE VOLUNTEERS. WITH THE 66 FAMILIES WE HAVE IN WEST CARLETON THAT WE SERVE WITH OUR FOOD BANK, WE ARE OUR OWN IDENTITY. WE ARE NOT -- WE ARE ONLY FUNDED WITH FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVE DONATIONS THAT ARE GIVEN TO US, AND WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PAID EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE OVER 35 CONTINUED VOLUNTEERS THAT HELP IN THE MOST UNIQUE WAY THEY CAN DO. THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOUR. I FEEL SO OVERWHELMED. WHEN I WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS HONOUR A WEEK AGO, I ACTUALLY THOUGHT IT WAS A TELEPHONE SCAM. [Laughter]

>> IT TOOK -- IT TOOK -- IT TOOK THE MAYOR'S OFFICE MANY MINUTES TO CONVINC ME THAT THIS WAS NOT -- THAT THIS WAS TRUE, AND TO GO ON THE WEB SITE AND DOUBLE CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT WAS LEGITIMATE, AND THEN WHEN HE SAID HE WANTED MY E-MAIL ADDRESS, I THOUGHT, OH, NO, I DON'T THINK I SHOULD DO THIS. BUT, HOWEVER, I DID SO AND I DID RECEIVE CONFIRMATION, AND ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH AND IT IS AN HONOUR TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. THANK YOU. [Applause]

>> Mayor Watson: WELL, SHARON, THANK YOU, I'M GLAD YOU DID FOLLOW UP, BECAUSE THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE THERE TRYING TO SELL YOU THINGS, BUT WE'RE DELIGHTED YOU WERE ABLE TO COME ON A PRETTY SNOWY DAY FROM WEST CARLETON. SO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR BEING WITH US. MADAME DEPUTY CLERK ROLL CALL, PLEASE. [Roll Call] [Roll Call] .

>> Clerk: YOU HAVE A QUORUM, Mr. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU. A CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FOR THE 25th OF JANUARY, 2017. CARRIED. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. DONE. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AS PRESENTED. REGRETS. NO REGRETS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE. MOTION TO INTRODUCE REPORTS. COUNCILLOR WILKINSON SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MONETTE, PLEASE.

>> THE REPORT FROM THE AUTO COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION ENTITLED AUTO COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION CALL FOR REELECTION OF CHAIR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS REPEAL OF BYLAW 9 AND APPROVAL OF BYLAW 10. REPORT FROM THE BOARD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY, LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA JOINT PROJECT. REPORT FROM THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD ENTITLED BOARD ACTIVITY TRAINING AND PERFORMANCES, 2016, ANNUAL REPORT. AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS REPORT 22. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT 38A AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT 20 BE RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED AND THE PETITIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA UNDER THE COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO STAGING SITE FOR THE COMBINED STORAGE TUNNEL AND THE BASELINE RAPID CORRIDOR BE RECEIVED.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WILKINSON. ON THE MOTION. CARRIED. I'D LIKE TO ADVISE COUNCIL THAT ONCE ALL THE REPORTS LISTED ON THE AGENDA HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH, COUNCIL WILL BE REQUESTED TO WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE TO CONSIDER AN INCAMERA REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER WITH RESPECT TO THE RECRUITMENT FOR THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. REPORTS, OTTAWA COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION. THIS IS THE REELECTION OF CHAIR AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS, REPEAL BYLAW 9 AND APPROVAL OF BYLAW NUMBER 10. CARRIED. THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS, COUNCILLOR FLEURY. OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL COME BACK TO THIS, BECAUSE WE HAVE A PRESENTATION, AND I KNOW MEMBERS HAVE QUESTIONS. OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD. BOARD ACTIVITY TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE 2016 REPORT. [Speaking French] RECEIVED. COMMITTEE REPORTS. AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT NUMBER 22. [Speaking French] ITEM 4 SERVICES REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF RICHMOND. CARRIED. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT NUMBER 38A. [Speaking French] ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT 404 EDEN AVENUE [Speaking French] COUNCILLOR LEIPER ON THE REPORT CARRIED.

>> NUMBER SIX ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT 774 BRONSON AVENUE [Speaking French] THERE IS A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT, THE PROPONENT, I BELIEVE, SUBMITTED THE WRONG, ONE WRONG MAP, COUNCILLOR HARDER, PLEASE.

>> THAT'S RIGHT. WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CHANGE IT BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND SO WE'RE DOING THAT TODAY. AND WHAT IT DOES, IS IT ALLOWS THE FIVE STOREY PORTION OF THE BUILDING ALONG BRONSON TO CANTILEVER TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH, SO IT CHANGES THE MAPPING.

>> Mayor Watson: SO THAT IS A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HARDER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR TIERNEY ON THE AMENDMENT. CARRIED. ON THE MAIN

MOTION AS AMENDED. CARRIED. ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT 770 BRONSON AVENUE [Speaking French] CARRIED? TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NUMBER 20. [Speaking French] WE'LL COME BACK TO THAT, BECAUSE COUNCILLOR EGLI AND CIRELLI HAVE A MOTION ON THIS. THE BULK CONSENT AGENDA. [Speaking French] DOES ANYONE WISH TO REMOVE ANYTHING FROM THE BULK CONSENT AGENDA? ON THE BULK CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED. SO WE WILL GO BACK TO OUR FIRST ITEM THAT WAS HELD, THAT IS THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY. WE HAVE A PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR TIERNEY AND C.E.O. MONIQUE DESORMO, AND IN THE AUDONS IS DANIELLE McDONALD DEALING WITH HEALTH CHALLENGES AND THIS IS A PROJECT NEAR AND DEAR TO HER HEART AND SHE WAS ABLE TO BE WITH US AS A SPECTATOR, AND WE WELCOME DANIELLE, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL OF THE WORK YOU'VE PUT INTO THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. AND THANK YOU FOR BEARING THE ELEMENTS TO GET HERE TODAY ON A SNOWY DAY. I KNOW COUNCILLOR TIERNEY WILL INTRODUCE ANY BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE OPL. COUNCILLOR TIERNEY, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, PLEASE. MERCI.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Mr. MAYOR, AND FELLOW COUNCILLORS. I'M PLEASED TO BRING FORWARD THIS REPORT, ONE OF COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES. JOINING US TODAY IS MONIQUE OUR DEPUTY C.E.O. ELAINE CONDO HER DIVISION MANAGER IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY PROJECT. GORD McNAIR OF THE CORPORATE RAE OFF. JOHN SMID ACTOR OF DEVELOPMENT. AND OUR TEAM OF STAFF AND CONSULTANTS WHO HAVE WORKED ON THIS CENTRAL LIBRARY PROJECT. IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD TO GET HERE TODAY, AND I'LL TELL YOU, OUR FORMER CHAIRS, RICK CHIARELLI AND JAN HARDER WERE CENTRAL IN GETTING THIS BACK ON TO THE CITY AGENDA SO. I DO WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THAT. TODAY'S LIBRARIES ARE TRUE COMMUNITY HUBS. FULL OF NATURAL LIGHT, FLEXIBLE SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE WHAT WE KNOW TODAY, AND WHAT WE FORESEE IN THE FUTURE. AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, CITIES ARE SEEING VALUE IN INVESTING IN MODERN TRANSFORMATIVE CENTRAL LIBRARIES. FROM HALIFAX TO CALGARY, MONTREAL TO OSLO.

>> (Through Interpreter): OUR VISION IS TO CREATE A MODERN ICONIC CENTRAL LIBRARY THAT SERVES OTTAWA, AS WELL AS THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. WHILE IT WILL BE BUILT. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WILL BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER, SOCIALIZE AND LEARN. IT WILL BE A DISTINCTION FOR RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSING BY. [End of Translation]

>> FACILITY THAT WILL SERVE OTTAWA, THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM AND COMMUNITY. IT WILL BE A PLACE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO CONNECT AND LEARN. IT WILL CEV AS A DISTINCTION FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS AND IS BEING BUILT FOR THE FUTURE.

>> (Through Interpreter): IN COOPERATION WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA. WE WILL CREATE A NATIONAL INSTITUTION. [End of Translation]

>> IT'S A ONE OF A KIND UNPRECEDENTED FACILITY. WORKING WITH ARCHIVES CANADA TO CREATE UNIQUE FACILITIES IN OUR CAPITAL WITH SHARED SPACES MAKING US LEADERS ON THE WORLD STAGE.

>> THE LIBRARY BOARD RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING TO OTTAWA CITY COUNCIL. WORKING WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA TO DEVELOP A JOINT FACILITY, TO BE LOCATED AT 557 WELLINGTON STREET. BUILT TO THE CITY'S PREFERRED PROCUREMENT METHOD DESIGNED BID BUILD. AT THE COST OF \$168 MILLION WITH 99 BEING THE CITY'S SHARE, AND THAT THE COST BE SHARED WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD PROVIDED DIRECTION TO STAFF TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY IN CENTRE TOWN AS PART OF THE NEXT FACILITY'S GROWTH AND INVESTMENT STUDY.

>> (Through Interpreter): WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT 557 WELLINGTON STREET WAS A GOOD LOCATION. THE RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT SHOWS THAT IT'S THE BEST LOCATION FOR A CENTRAL LIBRARY. [End of Translation]

>> WAS A GOOD SITE BUT THERE WAS ALSO THE EVALUATION HAVE PROVEN 557 WELLINGTON STREET IS THE BEST SITE FOR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY. IT CAME FIRST IN BOTH STAGES OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS. IT PROVIDES THE BEST VALUE FOR TAXPAYERS. IT IS ACCESSIBLE BY FOOT, BIKE, WHEEL, TRANSIT, AND CAR. AND IT WILL BE EVEN MORE ACCESSIBLE BY THE TIME THE BUILDING OPENS IN 2022, RESPONDING TO COUNCIL-APPROVED PLANNING DIRECTIONS. THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS, THE LIBRARY BOARD HAS ENGAGED RESIDENTS, AND THERE ARE MORE THAN 5,000 COLLECTIVE VOICES HAVE SHAPED WHERE WE ARE TODAY. THE BOARD ALSO HIRED NANOS RESEARCH TO SURVEY THE PUBLIC ON THE DECISION PACKAGE THAT WAS RELEASED LAST DECEMBER. RESULTS SHOWED 88% OF THE 1,000 PEOPLE POLLED FAVOURED A JOINT FACILITY IN COLLABORATION WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA. 80% SUPPORTED THE PROVISION OF SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE OTTAWA CENTRAL LIBRARY AND LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA. AND 72% PREFERRED 557 WELLINGTON AS THE SITE UPON WHICH TO BUILD THIS NEW JOINT FACILITY.

>> (Through Interpreter): AFTER TODAY'S COUNCIL APPROVAL, WE WILL GO AHEAD IN ORDER TO GET THE PROPER APPROVALS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. [End of Translation]

>> LIBRARY AND CAR KINDS OF CANADA REPRESENTATIVES WILL SEEK THE NECESSARY GOVERNMENT OF CANADA APPROVAL. CITY STAFF WILL INITIATE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS AND LAND ASSIGNMENT. CITY STAFF WILL RETURN WITH REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON PARKING DISPOSAL OF LAND, RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA AND THE FUNDING STRATEGY.

>> A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO, DECEMBER 2014, JOHN KEYNELLO WROTE IN THE OTTAWA CITIZENS. THERE'S INEVITABLE ENERGY IN THE AIR. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WHAT OTTAWA MIGHT LOOK LIKE, A SENSE WE'RE ON THE CUSP OF BLOSSOMING INTO SOMETHING MORE DYNAMIC CITY. IS THERE MORE TO DO? THERE ALWAYS IS. A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY COMES IMMEDIATELY TO MIND. THERE'S A SHIFT HAPPENING, AND THAT'S UNDENIABLE, AND WITH IT, AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE OTTAWA WHAT WE ALWAYS KNEW IT COULD BE, A GREAT CITY. IN A STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. MAYOR WATSON SAID OTTAWA IS GOING FROM OTTAWA OLD TO OTTAWA BOLD. WHEN O.P.L. STAFF RELEASE RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016, O.P.L. C.E.O. DANIELLE McDONALD WAS ASKED BY JOURNALISTS IF WE, THE CITY, ARE BOLD ENOUGH TO DO THIS. THAT, MY COLLEAGUES, IS THE QUESTION AND YOUR CHALLENGE FOR YOU TODAY, BE BOLD. BEFORE I TURN THE FLOOR BACK OVER TO THE MAYOR, I DID WANT TO POINT OUT Dr. GUY BERTRAND FROM LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA IS JOINING US IN THE CROWD TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR.

>> Mayor Watson:

>> (Through Interpreter): THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR TIERNEY. COUNCILLOR CHERNUSHENKO?

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON A FEW QUESTIONS, SOME CONVERSATIONS I WAS HAVING WITH THE COUNCILLOR TIERNEY YESTERDAY. THIS IS A SENSE OUT THERE AMONG SOME CITIZENS, CERTAINLY SOME OF US, MAYBE ALL OF US HAVE HEARD THIS POINT THAT SOMEHOW THE PREFERRED SITE, THE ULTIMATELY CHOSEN SITE WAS DECIDED IN ADVANCE, THAT THE PROCESS THAT LED TO IT COMING BACK TO REAFFIRMING THAT HAD PRETTY MUCH BEEN DECIDED. AND I THINK THAT'S A CONCERN THAT'S STILL OUT THERE. AND SO I GUESS I'D PUT IT THIS WAY. I INVITE YOU TO DESCRIBE TO ME AND TO EVERYONE HOW, IN FACT, WHAT YOU DESCRIBE AS A -- WHAT WAS THE TERM YOU USED AGAIN? NOT PREFERRED SITE BEGINNING, BUT EXEMPLARY SITE, HOW, IN FACT, YOU THEN WENT OUT AND TESTED THAT AGAINST OTHER SITES, AND THAT THAT WAS IN, FACT -- IT WAS IN FACT POSSIBLE THAT THE SITE WOULD HAVE CHANGED IF A BETTER ONE HAD BEEN FOUND, ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA THAT WERE SELECTED.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCILLOR FOR THAT QUESTION. I'LL AT THIS POINT ASK PETER WOODS OUR FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER TO COME FORWARD AND RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE BEEN THE FAIRNESS COMMISSIONER FOR THIS PROJECT FROM THE START OF THE PROJECT. THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE SITE HAS MET A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF FAIRNESS. IT WAS A VERY STRUCTURED, RIGOROUS, COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS, AND CARRIED OUT WITHOUT BIAS. I EMPHASIZE THAT, WITHOUT BIAS. WITHOUT IMPROPER INFLUENCE, AND WITH INTEGRITY. I COULD GO THROUGH A

WHOLE LIST OF THE STAGES OF PROCESS AND TELL YOU WHY EACH WAS VERY FAIR, BUT I THINK I WOULD JUST FOCUS ON A COUPLE ASPECTS OF IT. THE PROCESS THAT WAS USED FOR THE SELECTION PROCESS WAS MODELLED AFTER THE PROCUREMENT STANDARD SELECTION PROCESS, WHICH IS USED UNIVERSALLY IN PROCUREMENT TO SELECT THE BEST PROPOSAL OR THE BEST PROJECT OR THE BEST SERVICE OUT OF MANY. IT IS A PROVEN PROCESS THAT HAS UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED AS BEING FAIR. IT WAS ADAPTED A LITTLE BIT FOR THIS PROCESS, BUT WE MADE SURE IT DIDN'T LOSE ITS FAIRNESS ATTRIBUTES DURING THE PROCESS. WE HAD A VERY -- THERE WAS A VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE SELECTION CRITERIA -- SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THIS, USING BOTH INSIDE CITY PEOPLE AND OUTSIDE PEOPLE. I WAS THERE THROUGHOUT THEIR PROCESS WHEN THEY DEVELOPED THE CRITERIA, AND THEIR WEIGHTS. I WAS THERE IN THE ROOM WHEN THEY LOOKED AT EAST SITE, EACH CRITERIA FOR EACH SITE. AND I CAN SAY CATEGORICALLY, THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO BIAS REGARDING ANY PARTICULAR SITE. AS HAS BEEN SAID, THE EXEMPLARY SITE WAS KNOWN AS A GOOD SITE BUT NOBODY KNEW HOW GOOD A SITE IT WAS UNTIL THE PROCESS WAS COMPLETED, AND THE NUMBERS FELL OUT. UNTIL THAT TIME, IT WAS JUST KNOWN AS A RECOGNIZED GOOD SITE OF THE THERE WAS NO IMPROPER INFLUENCE IMPOSED ON THE COMMITTEE. I WAS IN THE ROOM THE WHOLE TIME THROUGH THE THREE DAYS OR MORE OF CONSENSUS DISCUSSION, AND I DID NOT SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF ANY BIAS OR IMPROPER INFLUENCE. I HOPE THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

>> YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I FELT IT VERY IMPORTANT TO HEAR THAT, TO HEAR IT STRAIGHT FROM YOU, BECAUSE OTHERWISE THIS IS OR WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD HANG OVER US. AS THE COUNCILLOR FOR LANSDOWNE, IN QUOTES, EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHY PROCESS AND FAIRNESS OF PROCESS IS CRITICAL TO ME AND TO A LOT OF PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY SECOND AND REALLY ONLY OTHER MAINLINE OF QUESTIONING, IT MIGHT BE JUST ONE QUESTION, REALLY IS ACCESSIBILITY IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL TO THE FUNCTIONING OF THIS LIBRARY, TO ITS ATTRACTIVENESS TO IT ULTIMATELY, IT'S SORT OF OPENNESS AND FAIRNESS TO ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. IT IS ON A SLOPE. IT'S ON A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT SLOPE, BUT I KNOW THAT THROUGH ARCHITECTURE, THAT CAN BE MITIGATED, MINIMIZED. IS THERE SOMEONE WHO CAN DESCRIBE FOR ME WHAT TYPES OF MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN AND MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN -- I KNOW WE'RE NOT DOING DESIGN YET, BUT MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED AS WAYS TO MAKE THIS SITE AND THIS BUILDING AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE.

>> THANK YOU, AGAIN, COUNCILLOR, AND THE BOARD HAS DEFINITELY HEARD THAT. AT THIS POINT I'LL GET JOHN SCHMID TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

>> Mayor Watson: IF WE COULD HAVE Mr. SCHMID'S MIC ON, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR. THIS WAS AN ITEM THAT WAS CLEARLY DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD MEETING, AND A COUPLE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT. NUMBER ONE I THINK AS A COUNCILLOR INDICATES IT RELATES TO THE ACTUAL SITE DESIGN ITSELF, AND ENSURING THAT THE ELEMENTS OF THE SITE WILL PROVIDE AND ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY INTO THE BUILDING, AROUND THE SITE AND THE CONNECTIONS TO THE SURROUNDING ROAD SYSTEM. THE OTHER KEY THING THAT REALLY CAME OUT THROUGH THE DISCUSSIONS WAS FOR THE GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LeBRETON FLATS AREA AND THE UPPER PART OF THE DOWNTOWN AND AS A RESULT OF THE ESCARPMENT WHICH IS A DEFINING FEATURE OF THE CITY ITSELF. THE ONE LOCATION WHERE IN FACT YOU DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR A REASONABLE INTEGRATION IS AT ALBERT SLATER MOVING INTO COMMISSIONAIRES AND DOWN INTO THE LOWER AREA AROUND THE ESCARPMENT DISTRICT. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN LeBRETON FLATS AND THE CENTRAL AREA KNOWN AS UPPER TOWN HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AND RECOGNIZED SINCE 2004 THROUGH THE URBAN DESIGN STRATEGY THAT WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AGAIN REINFORCED IN 2008, AS PART OF THE ESCARPMENT DISTRICT PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND AGAIN, RECONFIRMED THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN MOVES INITIATIVE OF 2013, ALSO APPROVED BY COUNCIL. AND THERE CLEARLY IS AN UNDERSTANDING AND A RECOGNITION OF A NEED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT PARTICULAR INTERSECTION, ALBERT SLATER, COMMISSIONAIRES AS YOU MOVE DOWN, AND IN FACT, THE CURRAN GRADES THAT WE HAVE THIS, ARE NOT INSURMENTBLE BUT THROUGH THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT INTERSECTION THE INTENTION IS TO ENSURE A VERY SEAMLESS AND ACCEPTABLE LINKAGE INTO THE DOWNTOWN PROPER. IN ADDITION TO THAT SITE A ALSO HAS THE BENEFIT OF BEING SERVICED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER VERY UNIQUE AND DYNAMIC ACCESS ROUTES, PRIMARILY THE MULTI-PURPOSE PATHWAY SYSTEMS ALONG THE AQUADUCT LEADING TO THE OTTAWA RIVER PATHWAY SYSTEM. SO LOTS OF FLEXIBILITY, AND PART OF THE EXERCISE IN LOOKING AT THIS AREA GENERALLY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE PLANS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE FOR THAT IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY, MORE FOCUSED ON LINKAGES BETWEEN UPPER TOWN AND LeBRETON, BUT CLEARLY THE LIBRARY IS NOW A KEY ELEMENT THAT WILL BE A KEY DRIVER IN ADVANCING THAT.

>> THANK YOU. SO I GUESS WHAT I WANT TO HEAR IN THE SAME WAY IS I WANTED TO HEAR QUITE A CATEGORICAL YES THAT STAFF AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT ARE CONFIDENT, NOT ONLY WILL YOU TAKE ALL EFFORTS TO MAKE IT AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE, BUT THAT THAT CAN IN FACT BE DONE. THAT YOU'RE NOT SETTING YOURSELF A GOAL WITH THE CHOICE OF THIS SITE IS LIMITED.

>> CAN WE HAVE Mr. SCHMID'D SCHMID'S MICROPHONE ON.

>> Mr. MAYOR, THE INTENTION IS TO MOVE DOWN THAT PATH. IT'S BEEN LOOKED AT BY ACCESSIBILITY CONSULTANTS WHO ARE ALSO SATISFIED THAT CURRENTLY IT IS ACCESSIBLE AND CAN BE IMPROVED AND WOULD BE IMPROVED.

>> THANK YOU, NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT IS VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR ME AND FOR MANY PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS, COUNCILLOR. COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI PLEASE. POINT OF ORDER, COUNCILLOR DEANS.

>> Mr. MAYOR -- CAN WE HAVE COUNCILLOR DEANS' MIC ON.

>> WE CAN ALL AGREE THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CITY-BUILDING PROJECT FOR OUR CITY, AND CITY COUNCIL FINDS OURSELVES IN THE ODD POSITION WHERE WE'RE BEING TASKED WITH MAKING A MILESTONE DECISION ON SITING A LIBRARY WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF HEARING DIRECTLY FROM THE PUBLIC. THE LIBRARY BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED TO US, BUT WE HAVE AT NO TIME AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE PUBLIC, AND TODAY IS OUR FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY QUESTION THE STAFF. OUR RULES OF ORDER ALLOW US FIVE MINUTES, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, BOTH QUESTION AND COMMENT. SO I'M ASKING, WITH THE WILL OF COUNCIL, IF WE COULD AGREE THAT WE WOULD HAVE FIVE MINUTES TO ASK OUR QUESTIONS, AND THEN FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE OUR STATEMENTS.

>> Mayor Watson: IS THERE ANY DESIRE, YEAS AND NAYS ON COUNCILLOR DEANS. WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THREE QUARTERS, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN. THREE QUARTERS BECAUSE WE'RE CHANGING A PROCEDURE BYLAW. SO YEAS AND NAYS TO REMIND EVERYONE THE PUBLIC DID HAVE AN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY AT THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AND THEY'LL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY WHEN THE FINAL REPORT COMES BACK TO FEDCO.

>> CAN YOU TELL US AGAIN WHAT EXACTLY WE'RE VOTING ON.

>> Mayor Watson: COUNCILLOR DEANS WANTS TO AMEND THE BYLAW FOR TIME LIMITATION TO ADD FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS FIVE MINUTES FOR SPEAKING. AND WE NEED THREE QUARTERS OF THE VOTE. I WOULD ARGUE AND URGE MEMBERS NOT TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURE BYLAW. WE HAD FOUR-AND-A-HALF HOURS OF PUBLIC DELEGATIONS AT THE LIBRARY BOARD, AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED BACK WHEN WE DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE OF FINANCING AT THE JUNE MEETING OF FEDCO WHICH IS AN OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.

>> MAY I ASK ONE QUESTION, IF POSSIBLE, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION.

>> Mayor Watson: YES.

>> I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO BE VOTING, ASSUMING THAT THERE MAY NOT BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE INVOLVED THAT I CAN ACTUALLY ATTEND. SO I DON'T KNOW WHO TO ASK WHETHER IT'S THE CHAIR OR WHETHER IT'S THE C.E.O., BUT IS THE PLAN -- I MEAN, THIS IS ABOUT THE CHOICE OF THE LOCATION. WE'LL GET INTO THE EXCITING PART OF THE DESIGN AND ALL THAT STUFF. WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GET INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS? WHAT HAVE YOU GOT PLANNED?

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH COUNCILLOR HARDER. OBVIOUSLY VERY SIMILAR TO OTHER PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY LIKE HALIFAX, FOR EXAMPLE. HALIFAX DIDN'T USE PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS TO SELECT A PIECE OF LAND, BUT YOU WHEN THEY DID MAKE THAT SELECTION, THEY NOT ONLY DID ONE CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC ON HOW THIS BUILDING WOULD LOOK AND FEEL AND WHAT WOULD THE BUILDING BE LIKE, THEY DID SIX, AND I'VE SPOKEN TO MANY OF MY BOARD MEMBERS, AND I DO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AT THIS POINT, I'LL JUST THROW IT IN, WE'VE GOT MY VICE CHAIR ANDRE BERGERON AND KATHY FISCHER BOTH BOARD MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEAKING WITH THE PUBLIC ON THAT. I THINK THE MAYOR HAS ALSO ALLUDED TO THE BIG QUESTION WHEN WE COME BACK, WE HAVE TO COME BACK ON SOME FINANCIAL PLAN WHEN THIS COMES TOGETHER. THERE'S STILL A LOT THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. SO THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES AT BOTH THOSE JUNCTURES.

>> FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION BECAUSE THIS IS NOT DOWNTOWN, AND WHILE IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE IN THE DOWNTOWN IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO DRIVE OUR BRANCHES ACROSS THE CITY. SO GEOGRAPHICALLY, I WANT CONFIRMATION THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO TO BE PART OF THAT PROCESS, AND OUR BRANCHES GEOGRAPHICALLY WEATHER ALTA VISTA, BEAVERBROOK, WHATEVER, JUST AS EXAMPLES.

>> Mayor Watson: CORRECT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Watson: POINT OF ORDER, COUNCILLOR.

>> THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR. SECTION 47 OF OUR RULES OF PROCEDURE SAYS NO MEMBER SHALL SPEAK MORE THAN ONCE TO THE SAME QUESTION WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE COUNCIL. SO I THINK COUNCILLOR DEANS IS ASKING FOR LEAVE OF COUNCIL TO SPEAK TWICE. I DON'T NEED TO SPEAK TWICE OR ANYONE ELSE DOES. WHY DON'T WE GRANT HER LEAVE TO SPEAK TWICE IF SHE WANTS TO SPEAK TWICE. CAN WE NOT JUST VOTE OR INDICATE BY SUPPORTING THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ON COUNCILLOR DEANS' PART TO SPEAK TWICE TO THIS ISSUE, WHICH I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH, BUT I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO AMEND THE BYLAW TO DO THAT.

>> ACTUALLY, WE DO, BECAUSE THE NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 48, IF YOU GO DOWN NO MEMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO A MOTION FOR MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES. SO THAT'S THE BYLAW. SO YEAS AND NAYS ON EXEMPTING THE BYLAW? YOU'VE ASKED TO SPEAK LONGER. IT'S NOT A MOTION. YOU DON'T HAVE A MOTION. WHO IS THE SECONDER? ALL RIGHT.

>> CHIARELLI.

>> I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS GOING TO TURN INTO A MOTION, AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE COUNCILLOR NUSSBAUM FOR OFFERING I WOULD BE GIVEN FIVE MINUTES. BUT IT'S NOT REALLY ABOUT ME. IT'S ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE HERE OF MAKING A MILESTONE DECISION ABOUT SITING A LIBRARY FOR THE NEXT 50 OR 100 YEARS IN THIS CITY, AND BEING ASKED TO MAKE THAT KIND OF CITY-BUILDING DECISION WITHOUT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THAT WHOLESOME DISCUSSION AT THIS TABLE WITH HAVING ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED, AND HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE PUBLIC WHY WE THINK EITHER THIS IS THE RIGHT SITE OR THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT SITE.

>> Mayor Watson: COUNCILLOR, YOU'RE USING UP YOUR TIME, BY THE WAY.

>> I'M NOT USING UP MY TIME. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE MOTION THAT'S CURRENTLY ON THE FLOOR. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, Mr. MAYOR, THERE'S A MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

>> Mayor Watson: YOU'RE WAY OFF, BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT -- YOU'RE GOING INTO THE SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE, WHICH IS YOUR RIGHT TO DO SO.

>> I'M NOT GOING INTO SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE. I'M DEBATING THE MOTION THAT IS ON THE FLOOR.

>> Mayor Watson: SO WE'VE CALLED THE YEAS AND NAYS. YEAS AND NAYS PLEASE. COUNSEL CLOUTIER.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR TAYLOR.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR TIERNEY.

>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR DEANS.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR WILKINSON.

>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR MITIC. COUNCILLOR LEIPER.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR DAROUZE.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR QADRI.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR EL-CHANTIRY.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR BROCKINGTON.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR QAQISH?
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR FLEURY.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR CHERNUSHENKO.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR MONETTE.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR MOFFATT.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR McKENNEY.
>> YES.
>> COUNCILLOR HUBLEY.
>> NO.
>> COUNCILLOR EGLI.
>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR NUSSBAUM.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILLOR HARDER?

>> NO.

>> COUNCILLOR BLAIS.

>> NO.

>> MAYOR WATSON.

>> Mayor Watson: NO.

>> SIX YEAS, 17 NAYS.

>> Mayor Watson: OKAY. SO THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE UP ON THE SCREEN. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THOSE NAMES HAVE GONE THAT WANTED TO SPEAK. I THINK YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO PUSH YOUR BUTTON AGAIN TO GET BACK IN ORDER. SO IF YOU WERE ON THE LIST, PLEASE PUSH YOUR BUTTON, AND BECAUSE THOSE NAMES -- THIS WE GO. COUNCILLOR BROCKINGTON, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, I BELIEVE COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI WAS NEXT, BUT I'LL GO AHEAD. Mr. MAYOR, THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. MY QUESTIONS WILL BE RELATED TO PART C OF THE MOTION WHICH RELATE AROUND THE FINANCING, JUST CLARIFICATION-TYPE QUESTIONS. CONCERNED ABOUT BASICALLY THE FIRST LINE OF THE POSSESSION, "APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTIMATED CITY FUNDED PORTION." SO I NEED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT FEDCO WILL RECEIVE A COURT AND COUNCIL IN JUNE. AND I WANT A FAIRLY GOOD IDEA TODAY ABOUT HOW COMPREHENSIVE THE WORK WILL BE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO PIECE TOGETHER THIS FINANCIAL PLAN, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT'S QUITE MURKY. I KNOW COUNCILLOR TIERNEY AND I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS A NUMBER OF TIMES, BUT IF THE TREASURER COULD COMMENT ON WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS AND WHAT CAN COUNCIL EXPECT TO SEE BY JUNE?

>> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS, WHATEVER IS DECIDED TODAY IF YOU APPROVE THIS IN PRINCIPLE WE'LL START OUR WORK AND THE FIRST STEP WILL ACTUALLY BE LOOKING AT THE VALUE OF THE EXISTING LIBRARY AND WHAT THAT COULD CONCEIVABLY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE -- SEEMS TO BE AN

ECHO. COULD CONCEIVABLY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COST OF THIS PROJECT. BUT THEN THERE'S OTHER ISSUES WE'LL BE LOOKING AT, WHICH IS WHAT WE CAN DO FROM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, AND THERE'S ALSO, I BELIEVE, A MOTION COMING FORWARD THAT TALKS ABOUT SEEING IF WE CAN SECURE ANY FUNDING FROM BOTH EITHER THE PROVINCIAL OR FEDERAL LEVEL, SO THOSE DISCUSSIONS WILL START AS WELL. WE'LL PIECE THOSE TOGETHER AND COME BACK TO YOU TO FEDCO IN JUNE, WITH A COMPLETE PLAN AS TO HOW THIS WHOLE PROJECT WOULD BE FUNDED. ANOTHER ELEMENT THAT I UNDERSTAND IS STILL THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PARKING AND SO THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY -- WHEN THAT COMES FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE FINANCIAL PLAN AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU. SO COUNCIL IS IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORTIVE OF THE LOAK OF THE LIBRARY IF THIS PASSES, BUT OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE FINAL SAY ON THE FINANCING. COUNCIL WILL STILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE INPUT, THAT DOESN'T LIKE THE PLAN THAT'S PRESENTED IN JUNE. WE COULD ASK YOU TO GO BACK, FINESSE THAT MORE. THERE'S STILL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS.

>> THERE DEFINITELY IS, COUNCILLOR.

>> EXCELLENT. OKAY. I KNOW I'VE MET WITH THE CHAIR, I SAID OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS, BUT REALLY, MY CONCERNS HAVE BEEN AROUND FINANCING, HOW THIS PROJECT WILL BE FINANCED. THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Watson: GREAT. THANK YOU COUNCILLOR AND THANK YOU TO THE TREASURER. COUNCILLOR TAYLOR PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, M. CHAIR. AND I GUESS ALONG WITH COUNCILLOR BROCKINGTON I UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS IS GOING TO ALLOW THIS, AS THIS DISCOURSE UNFOLDS TO ASK MORE QUESTIONS, MORE DECISION POINTS THROUGH THE PROCESS. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A BRIEF SIDE TRIP DOWN PART OF THE DISCUSSION AROUND THIS LOCATION HAD ALWAYS BEEN IT'S THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, BUT YOU FOR SOME IT IS A LOCAL LIBRARY. AND SO I WANTED TO GET SOME COMMENTARY FROM THE CHAIR AND THE MANAGEMENT ABOUT HOW THEY PLAN TO ADDRESS THAT NOTION THAT I KNOW THE POLL INDICATED THAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF -- THE BULK OF PEOPLE ACTUALLY PREFERRED THIS LOCATION, INCLUDING THOSE IN THAT KIND OF CENTRE TOWN AREA BUT I'M WONDERING WHAT THE PLAN IS OR WHAT THE LIBRARY'S THOUGHTS ARE, ON CONTINUING TO SERVICE THE CLIENTELE THAT GEOGRAPHICALLY FIND THIS LOCATION, THAT'S IS CURRENTLY INAPPEALING.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR, WE ACTUALLY DID HAVE A GOOD DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD MEETING. A LOT OF IT DID OCCUPY THAT ASPECT OF

THINGS. AT THE END OF THE BOARD WE ACTUALLY MOVED DIRECTION TO STAFF. BUT AT THIS POINT I'LL GET OUR DEPUTY CDO TO RESPOND.

>> THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR TIERNEY. WE HAVE FIVE YEARS BEFORE THIS FACILITIES OPEN, WE'RE STARTING O'WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AT LOOKING AT TRANSITION PLANS TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH INTO THIS PARTICULAR AREA TO SEE HOW SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED. THE OTHER THING IS AT THE LIBRARY BOARD LAST WEEK STAFF WERE DIRECTED TO EXAMINE THE WHOLE NEED, AS PART OF ITS REVIEW OF THE FACILITIES FRAMEWORK, WHICH COMES ONCE A TERM IN CONJUNCTION IN GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT DEVELOPMENT BYLAW REVIEW.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR. COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, YOUR WORSHIP. THIS ISSUE GOES BACK AN AWFULLY LONG TIME. I REMEMBER BEING CHAIR OF THE NEPEAN LIBRARY BOARD BACK IN THE MID-90s WHEN WE JOINED A JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE WITH THREE OR FOUR OTHER AREA CITY LIBRARIES, AND BEGAN DOWN THE ROAD TO CREATE ONE CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR THE OTTAWA CARLTON REGION. THAT WENT SLOWLY. A LOT OF OPPOSITION TO EVEN MENTION OF POSSIBLE LOCATIONS. THEN ADVANCED TO THE NEW CITY OF OTTAWA AND IN 2006 WE GOT TO ALMOST THIS POINT IN THE EFFORT TO GET A NEW MAIN LIBRARY, WHERE WE HAD COSTED OUT AND PUT IN EVERYTHING SHORT OF A FUNCTIONAL DESIGN FOR THE NEW LIBRARY. AND HAD COME UP WITH THE LOCATION THAT WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THIS, AND FACED -- AND A TENTATIVE, OR POTENTIAL PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP WITH A SPECIFIC DEVELOPER. AND I REMEMBER THE DEBATE AT THAT TIME WAS ABOUT, WELL, THIS IS NOT THE PERFECT OUTCOME, WHY NOT DO SOMETHING ELSE? AND I REMEMBER SEVERAL OF US GIVING THE WARNING THAT IN POLITICS OFTEN THE PERFECT IS THE ENEMY OF THE GOOD, AND IF YOU TURN DOWN WHAT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA AND GAMBLE IT ALL ON WHAT YOU THINK IS PERFECT, YOU MAY END UP WITH NOTHING FOR 10 OR 15 YEARS. WELL, HERE WE ARE 11 YEARS LATER, AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE A NEW MAIN LIBRARY. BUT WE'RE IN THE POSITION WHERE WE CAN DECIDE TO ACCEPT SOMETHING THAT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD AND THAT CERTAINLY WILL BE A MASSIVE IMPROVEMENT OVER WHAT WE HAVE, AND CERTAINLY WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE ABOUT WHAT A NEW MAIN LIBRARY COULD BE. NOW, IF I COULD JUST GET BACK TO WHAT WE WERE DOING 2006, FOR ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT THIS IS A BIG-TICKET ITEM, IN 2006 WE WERE TALKING DOUBLE THIS PRICE. SO -- AND I KNOW THE BUILDING WOULD HAVE BEEN THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF OUR CURRENT MAIN LIBRARY, AND THIS ONE, FOR OUR USE, WILL BE SMALLER, BUT MAYBE IF YOU COULD JUST INDICATE FOR US HOW THE CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC USE OF INFORMATION HAVE ENABLED YOU TO GET TO A SMALLER FOOTPRINT THAT'S MORE EFFICIENT, AND WHERE THE COST SAVINGS ARE THAT WE'VE

BEEN ABLE TO REALIZE OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, AND HOW THEY EITHER IMPROVE OR DETRACT FROM WHAT WE OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE HAD.

>> THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI, AND THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN GETTING IT THIS FAR, AS WELL AS JANA, WHICH I MENTIONED. BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, BACK IN 2006, I THINK BOOKS WERE THE MAIN ITEM BACK THEN, IT WAS ABOUT THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM AND BIG BULKY BOOKS. THAT'S NOT THE WORLD ANYMORE. NOW WE HAVE MANY UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS PAUSE IT'S THE ONLY SPOT IN BEN FRANK LYNN PLACE WHERE WE HAVE 3-D PRINTING AND HAVE ALL THESE COMMUNITY AREAS AND COMMUNITY HUBS. PEOPLE ALSO WANT MORE SUNLIGHT, THEY WANT TO FEEL MORE LIKE THEY'RE ENJOYING THEMSELVES AT HOME WHILE TAKING TIME TO READ, STUDY, OR PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT WE DO WITHIN OUR LIBRARIES. THIS IS EVIDENT BY ALL THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARIES THAT ARE COMING ON-LINE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEY ALL KIND OF HAVE THE SAME MOULD. I'LL ASK ELAINE CONDOS TO ADD FURTHER TO THIS COMMENTARY.

>> SO THROUGH THE MAYOR, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TOO THAT IN 2006, THE NEW CITY OF OTTAWA WAS REALLY MUCH NEWER THAN IT IS NOW. WE WERE STILL COMING TOGETHER AS A CITY, AND IN THAT TIME WE'VE DEVELOPED A VERY STRONG BRANCH SYSTEM. WE HAVE 32 BRANCHES, PLUS THE MAIN BRANCH, AND THAT'S THE STRENGTH OF THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM. WE HAVE A DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM AS WELL. SO IT'S IN ALL OF THE PLANNING STUDIES THAT HAVE BEEN DONE, THE SIZE HAS BEEN DEEMED TO BE APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY WITH THE INCREASING USE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND ALSO IF WE COULD HAVE REALLY EXCELLENT DESIGN AND FLEXIBLE SPACES, WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO REPURPOSE THE SPACES AS BEST PRACTICES AND TRENDS CHANGE.

>> AND JUST AS A QUICK FOLLOW-UP. I THINK WE ALSO HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA WHERE WE CAN SEE A LOT OF OUR COMMON SPACES WHICH MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE SAME SIZE THROUGH THIS PROCESS, WILL HELP US NOT ONLY GO WITH THE SIZE THAT WE ORIGINALLY PREDICTED, IT COULD BE SLIGHTLY LARGER. SO THERE'S PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY AND HOPEFULLY THAT SATISFIES AND ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION.

>> WELL IN 2006, I KNOW THE WER PARTNERSHIP WAS VERY PEJORATIVE, NOBODY WANTS TO BE IN A PARTNERSHIP IF IT INVOLVED THE MAIN LIBRARY IT HAD TO BE PURE CITY, STAND ALONE LIBRARY. WE SAW THE AFFORDABILITY QUESTION, SO TO FINANCE, CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THIS IS AFFORDABLE OR WHETHER IT'S AFFORDABLE TO THE CITY AND TO OUR LONG-RANGE PLAN.

>> COUNCILLOR, WE'LL BE BRINGING BACK IN JUNE AN ASSESSMENT OF THAT. WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE PROCESS RIGHT NOW OF DOING THE

AFFORDABILITY REFRESH OF THE TRANSIT PLAN, THEN WE WILL BE DOING THE RATE AND THE TAX ONE. SO THAT WILL BE -- THAT CONCLUSION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JUNE REPORT.

>> RIGHT, SO WHEN WE SAY WE'RE APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE, THAT WILL BE PART OF WHAT IT'S CONTINGENT UPON, RIGHT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> AND FINALLY CAN WE GET COMMENT ON LIBRARY USAGE. I'VE HEARD ON A LOCAL RADIO STATION THAT NOBODY USES LIBRARIES ANYMORE. SINCE MY WARD OFFICE IS JUST A COUPLE OF STEPS ACROSS THE AISLE FROM THE NEPEAN LIBRARY, I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD JUST ELABORATE ON THAT.

>> THROUGH YOU, Mr. MAYOR. CERTAINLY WOULD LIKE TO DISPEL THAT MYTH. LIBRARIES ARE REALLY A HUB OF ACTIVITY, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT WITH THIS JOINT FACILITY THAT WE WILL BE SEEING ON A VERY CONSERVATIVE LEVEL, 5,000 PEOPLE A DAY WALK THROUGH OUR DOORS.

>> OKAY. WELL, THANKS VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO JUST IN PUTTING MY SUPPORT FORWARD ON THIS, A CENTRAL LIBRARY, I THINK IS A KEY CORE FUNCTION OF THE CITY. EVEN IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO WATCHING THE OLD BAT MAN SERIES, AND YOU REMEMBER BAT GIRL WAS A LIBRARIAN, AND IT WAS KEY TO THE CITY. IT WAS NOT A FRILL. LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT TO NEW CANADIANS. I YOU KNOW IN MY WARD THEY WILL SPEND A LOT OF TIME, ESPECIALLY AT A CENTRAL LIBRARY, LEARNING ONE OR BOTH OF CANADA'S OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, AND YOU HAVE STUDENTS RELYING UPON A LIBRARY. LEAVING THE LIBRARY NOT EVEN SURE WHICH FORMAT THEY GOT THEIR INFORMATION IN, BUT CERTAINLY KNOWING THAT IT WAS VALUABLE. AND WITH THREE STUDENT DAUGHTERS, I HEAR THAT EVERY DAY. SO, AGAIN, IN 2006, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, WE SAW SOME THINGS THAT WERE IMPERFECT, AND EVERYONE DECIDED -- NOT EVERYONE, BUT MOST DECIDED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO STRIVE FOR THE PERFECT OUTCOME WHICH MANY OF US THOUGHT WOULD NEVER BE ACHIEVABLE. WE'RE NOW 11 YEARS LATER. IT HASN'T BEEN ACHIEVED YET. YOU'VE GOT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN FRONT OF YOU THAT HITS JUST ABOUT EVERY GOAL YOU COULD HAVE. SO I WOULD URGE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT IT.

>> Mayor Watson: GREAT. THANK YOU COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI. COUNCILLOR CLOUTIER. [Speaking French].

>> THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION AND I ATTENDED THE BOARD MEETING AND I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

>> (Through Interpreter): IS THE PARTNERSHIP, MADAME DESORMEAUX, WITH ARCHIVES CANADA WHICH IS VERY WELL RECEIVED ACCORDING TO THE NANOS SURVEY, WOULD IT HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO LIBRARY AND

ARCHIVES CANADA IN ANOTHER LOCATION OTHER THAN THIS ONE? NOT ABSOLUTELY, BUT NECESSARILY. I MEAN, WOULD THIS PARTNERSHIP STILL EXIST?

>> WELL, WITH THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE NEEDED A MINIMUM OF SQUARE FOOTAGE TO BUILD THE BUILDING. ANY OTHER SITE THAT WOULD BE BIG ENOUGH, AND THAT WAS ASSESSED AT A HIGHER RATE THAN THE CURRENT SITE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH PARTNERS. [End of Translation]

>> -- PASSIONATELY EXPLAINED ABOUT THIS BEING THE MAIN LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA BUT ONE MORE IN THE CENTRAL CORE OR EASTERN PART. CHAIR TIERNEY OR MADAME DESORMEAUX CAN YOU LET ME KNOW WHAT THE POSSIBILITY IS, AND IT WAS ALLUDED AT THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, WHAT THE POSSIBILITY IS OF HAVING ANOTHER CENTRAL LIBRARY, AS OPPOSED TO THE MAIN LIBRARY. I'M MAKING THAT DISTINCTION, HERE AT CITY HALL OR SOME OTHER LOCATION TO SERVE THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE DOWNTOWN CORE?

>> GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR. I WILL TURN THE FLOOR TO ELAINE, BUT JUST BEFORE YOU WE GET TO THAT. OUT OF THE FOUR HOURS OF DIALOGUE THE MAYOR DID STAY FOR THE ENTIRE THING, WE ALL HEARD IT, THAT WE WANT THIS AS PART OF SOME KIND OF REVIEW. SO AT THIS POINT I'LL TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO ELAINE AND SHE WILL FURTHER DESCRIBE WHAT THAT WILL ENTAIL.

>> Mayor Watson: IF WE CAN GET THE MIC ON, PLEASE. THERE WE GO.

>> THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND BY SAYING THAT THE BOARD HAS HEARD WHAT MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN SAYING, AND THEY'VE DIRECTED STAFF TO LOOK INTO A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CENTRE TOWN TO ENSURE THAT BY THE TIME THE LIBRARY, THE NEW CENTRAL HIEB RATHER, IF APPROVED, OPENS IN 2022, THAT THERE WILL BE A PLAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR ANY VULNERABLE RESIDENT, SO THAT THEY'RE NOT LEFT OUT OR LEFT BEHIND, AND ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THAT PLAN WILL BE TO LOOK THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEXT FACILITIES GROWTH AND PLANNING STUDY TO SEE IF SERVICES MAY BE WARRANTED IN THE CENTRE TOWN AREA.

>> ONE MORE QUESTION, AND THEN SOME COMMENTS. HAD WE SELECTED ANOTHER SITE THAT THE CITY DIDN'T OWN, WOULD -- AND THE PURCHASE OF THAT SITE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE TENS, 20, 25 MILLION DOLLARS, HOW WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN PAID? WOULD IT HAVE COME OFF THE COST OF THE BUILDING, OR IS THE BUILDING BUILT TO ITS FUNCTION? OR WOULD IT HAVE INCURRED MORE DEBT OR DEBENTURES, OR HOW WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN PAID?

>> I CAN ALWAYS ASK THE MAYOR THIS, BUT JUST FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, WHEN WE BEGAN THIS PROCESS, A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTED A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. ONE OF THEM BEING, YOU KNOW, SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT US TO BE PODIUM AND A BUILDING AS PART OF SOME COINED OF BIG PARTNERSHIP. SOME PEOPLE WANTED US TO CONTROL THE DESIGN ELEMENTS. AS WE GO THROUGH IT, WE CHECKED ALMOST EVERY BOX, AND I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE STILL DON'T SEE THIS AS TRULY CENTRAL. TO ACQUIRE OTHER PROPERTY YOU'RE CORRECT IN THE REPORT, IT DOES ALLUDE TO \$33.3 MILLION, THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SPENT ON ONE SPECIFIC SITE. IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE'D BE DOING. SO I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MARION. I THINK THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS IT WOULD BE MORE DEBT.

> > I'LL MAKE MY WRAP UP COMMENTS NOW, AND YOU KNOW, THERE'S SO MUCH THAT IS POSITIVE ABOUT THIS, AS COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI SAID, NOT PERFECT, NEVER PERFECT, BUT SO MANY BENEFITS SO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA.

AND ACKNOWLEDGING IT IS A LESS CONVENIENT LOCATION, FOR CERTAIN CURRENT USERS OF THE LIBRARY, BEFORE FOR CONVENIENT FOR OTHER USERS, FUTURE USERS OF THE LIBRARY SUCH AS THE AREA BOUNDED BY GLADSTONE AND THE RIVER AND PRESTON AND BRONSON.

FOR THEM, IT WILL BE EASIER FOR THEM TO ACCESS.

THERE WILL BE MORE RESIDENTS ON THE SITE IN THE FUTURE.

SO, AGAIN, COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI SAID IT WELL, LET'S NOT WAIT ANOTHER TEN YEARS, LET'S NOT BE THE THE DITHER AND DANCE AND ONYX ON COUNCIL, LET'S BE THE DECIDE AND WHAT'S NEXT AND MOVE ON COUNCIL.

AND SO BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE SO MANY MUCH TO DO, AND WITH THAT, I WILL I THANK THE BOARD AND FOR THEIR WORK SO FAR AND I WILL ABSOLUTELY BE SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> I'M A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD AND I WANT TO THANK TOUR PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD WHO REALLY CONTRIBUTED AN AWFUL LOT TO THIS DECISION AND GAVE IT PERSPECTIVE THAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT WHEN WE ARE DEALING WITH IT AND IT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

TWO THINGS THAT I RAISED AFTER THE MEETING THAT I WANT TO LET COUNCIL MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT BECAUSE I THINK THEIR VERY IMPORTANT.

ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE ACTUAL DESCRIBE.

MANY OF YOU KNOW WE DID A NEW LIBRARY IN BEAVERBROOK A FEW YEARS AGO AND WE HAD THE PUBLIC INVOLVED IN WHAT WAS GOING TO GO IN,

BEFORE IT WAS GOING TO BE FORMED BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY BUILT IT AND THAT WAS LED BY THE DESIGN TEAM, NOT BY STAFF.

AND THAT'S WAY THEY DID IT IN HALIFAX AND OTHER PLACES.

IN HALIFAX, THEY TOLD US THAT THEY HAD WERE ON THE CONTRACT WAS TO HAVE ONE PUBLIC MEETING AND ENDED UP HAVING SIX PLUS A LOT OF MOW CUSS GROUPS.

I RAISE THIS SIDE WITH STAFF BECAUSE IT WASN'T REALLY CLEAR THERE REPORTS HOW WE WERE GOING TO HANDLE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THAT IS WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO AND BRINGING A BE A REPORT ON YOU WE'RE GOING TO IT.

ONCE THE DESIGNER IS FOUND FOR DOING THE LIBRARY, BECAUSE THAT'S THE PERSON THAT HAS TO HEAR THIS STUFF, THERE WILL BE A VERY DETAILED CITYWIDE ABILITY TO HAVE PEOPLE CONNECT IN TO PROVIDE IDEAS ON THE DESIGN AND THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR PEOPLE TO DO.

BECAUSE IT'S HOW YOU USE TO LIBRARY THAT IS MOST IMPORTANT.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT STAFF IS GOING TO BRING BACK A REPORT TO US ON HOW THEY SEE THAT FALLING OUT AND DISCUSS THAT AND LET YOU KNOW ABOUT IT AT THAT TIME.

THE SECOND THING I RAISED HAD TO DO WITH ACTUALLY WHEN WE GET TO DOING SITE PLAN AND THING, BECAUSE AS WAS POINTED OUT A FEW YEARS AGO, THERE'S A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THE TRANSPORTATION IN THAT AREA AND IT'S ACTUALLY IN THE TRANSPORTATION MAST PLAN TO DO I CALL IT FIXING OR CHANGES IN THAT AREA.

BUT THE DESIGN FOR THE SITE PLAN OF THE LIBRARY AND THE DESIGN FOR THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS HAS TO BE INTEGRATED, BECAUSE TOO OFTEN HERE WE KNOW WE DO A SLIGHT PLAN AND IT'S THE ACTUAL PLAN THAT THE BUILDING IS GOING TO BE ON AND WE DO THE TRANSPORTATION THING SEPARATELY AND SOMETIMES WE FIND AFTERWARDS THEY DON'T WORK TOO WELL.

THE COMMITMENT WAS MADE THAT WE WILL DO AN OVERALL PLAN FOR EVERYTHING IF THEY WANT TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR AREA PARTLY ON THE ROAD, IT CAN ALL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE DESIGN.

AND AGAIN, SITE PLANS, WE CAN HAVE A LOT OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT WITH IT.

GO WHICH IS ALL PART OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE DESIGN GOES FORWARD UNTIL THE ACTUAL BUILDING STARTS.

AND SO I THINK THAT THOSE WHO WITH CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, THERE'S GOING TO BE TONS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY BOARD, IF IT INCIDENT, I WILL CERTAINLY MAKE SURE THAT IT IS BECAUSE PUBLIC INPUT IN MY MIND THE IS MOST IMPORTANT THING I DO IN MY COMMUNITY AND THIS IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT HERE FOR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

I THINK WE'VE WE DID SPEND A HUGE AMOUNT OF TIME ON FINDING THE RIGHT SITE.

IS IT A PERFECT SITE?

NO, I DON'T THINK ANYTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN A PERFECT SITE.

BUT IT HAS HUGE OPPORTUNITIES.

YOU HAVE A VISTA RIGHT FROM THAT SITE TO THE OTTAWA RIVER AND IF WE PLAN IT PROPERLY, WE CAN PLAN RIGHT IN THE PRECINCT WITH HOW THE DESIGN IS DONE, AND THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO SEE PEOPLE FOCUSING ON NOW, BECAUSE IT'S WHAT REALLY IN THE END WILL MATTER FOR THE BUILDING.

SO I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WAS ALL DISCUSSED AT THE LIBRARY BOARD AND DISSED AGAIN.

I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF REPORTS COMING FORWARD ON THIS, ON THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS NOT ON DESIGN, BUT ALSO ON THE FINANCE AND ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO GETTING THIS.

BUT THIS PROJECT I THINK WE WANT IT TO END UP BEING SOMETHING THAT WE'RE PROUD OF THE FOR NEXT 50 TO 100 YEARS AND THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO GET IT DONE RIGHT, AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS.

THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR, AND I THINK FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE GOING THROUGH THE BEAVERBROOK LIBRARY, WHICH IS A BEAUTIFUL BRANCH.

IF EVERYONE HADN'T BEEN OUT TO SEE THE BEAVERBROOK BRANCH THAT IS CORRECT SET THE GOLD STANDARD AS DID THE GREELY BRANCH.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

SMALL, OBVIOUSLY BUT WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW FOR THE NEW BRANCH.

SO THANK YOU FOR THAT CONTEXT.

COUNCILLOR.

[Speaking in French]

>> (Voice of Translator): FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE CITY STAFF WHO WORKED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

I'M NOT ON THE BOARD, SO I WAS TRYING TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE FOLLOWED THE DISCUSSION ALSO.

AND I THINK WE HAVE TO THANK THE PUBLIC FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS IN ORDER TO HAVE THE BEST DESIGN POSSIBLE.

MY QUESTIONS PERTAIN TO THE SITE THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW, AT 133 METCALF.

WHAT I UNDERSTAND FROM THE REPORTS IS THAT WE ARE OWNERS AND WILL TAKE THE PROFITS TO BUY THE FUTURE SITE.

BUT IS THERE A PERIOD WHERE WE WONT HAVE PUBLIC LIBRARY OR A CENTRAL LIBRARY?

HOW WILL IT WORK HOW WILL YOU STAGE THE PROCESS?

>> Mr. MAYOR, OUR PRINCIPLE IS THAT THE PRESENT LOCATION WILL STAY OPEN UNTIL WE'RE READY TO TURN THE KEY IN THE OTHER LOCATION.

SO THERE WON'T BE ANY LACK OF SERVICE BETWEEN NOW AND THE OPENING, WHICH IS IN 2022.

I THINK THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS IS 357 WELLINGTON OR 557 WELLINGTON.

WE DON'T HAVE A VERY CONCRETE IDEA OF TRANSPORTATION.

WE KNOW HOW THE LIGHT RAIL WILL PROVIDE SERVICES, BUT COULD YOU TALK ABOUT PARKING NEEDS, BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE SOME HUBS WHERE THERE'S SOME PARKING, BUT IT BECOMES A FIGHT BETWEEN THE USERS AND PEOPLE WHO USE IT FOR WORK OR PERSONAL PURPOSES.

>> SO THESE FREE SPACES CAUSE A PROBLEM SOMETIMES.

SO I'D LIKE TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT.

>> THE ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE UP TILL NOW DID NOT INCLUDE PARKING, BUT IN ALL THE CONSULTATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS, WE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE PUBLIC THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT.

SO FOR THIS REASON, A STUDY WILL BE DONE FOR TRANSPORTATION IN MARCH.

>> MY ONLY COMMENT ABOUT THIS IS THAT THERE IS SOME KIND OF BALANCE THAT HAS TO BE REACHED, BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO LIGHT RAIL, SO THIS IS WHY WE WANT TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY.

I THINK THERE'S A MODEL WHERE WE COULD HAVE A SEMI PAYING PARKING LOT, BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE ENTIRELY FREE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE USE OF TRANSIT.

[End of Translation]

>> THESE ARE COMMENTS RATHER THAN QUESTIONS.

JUST TO WRAP UP ON MY REVIEW OF THE PROJECT.

WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE IN OTTAWA THAT WE HAVE PARTNERS LIKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE SOME PARTNERSHIP, AND I THINK WE WOULD NOT BE AS ADVANCED AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD A AS MUCH OF A FULSOME DISCUSSION IF IT WASN'T FOR THE POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARCHIVES GROUP.

SO I THINK THAT'S CERTAINLY A VERY VALUABLE ASSET TO THE FUTURE SITE.

SPEAKING WITH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF, THE AMOUNT OF SQUARE FOOTAGE OVER A FOUR FLOOR PLATE CREATED A LOT OF CHALLENGES.

OBVIOUSLY I WAS A PROPONENT AS A LOCAL COUNCILLOR FOR SITES THAT WERE IN MY AREA, INCLUDING THE BYRON MARKET, RECOGNIZING THAT THERE CHALLENGES AND THAT IT DIDN'T MEET ALL THE CRITERIA.

THOSE WERE WELL EXPLAINED TO THEM AND ARTICULATED.

OBVIOUSLY THAT WAS ANALYZED AND REVIEWED FAIRLY.

I THINK THAT FOR ME, THERE'S A COUPLE OF ELEMENTS THAT WE CONTINUE WE WILL NEED THE JUST LEAVE ON THE BACK BURNER AND CONTINUE TO BRING AS THEY GO ALONG IN THE PROCESS.

WE HAVE IN MY COMMUNITY THE NEAREST SITE IS THE RITO BRANCH AND IT'S A SMALL BRANCH AND A LOT OF STUDENTS ACCESS THE SITE ON METCALF.

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE LRT AND TEXT FROM THE LRT, IT'S A GREAT ASSET IT, BUT JUST TO THINK THAT PERHAPS IN THE PAST RESIDENTS COULD HAVE WALKED TO NET CALF.

IT'S NOT DOABLE AND IF WE BUILD NIGHT A COMMUNITY HUB, IT COULD REALLY BE PEOPLE WILL WALK THAT EXTRA 10 MINUTES OR BIKE THAT EXTRA 5 MINUTES TO ACCESS THE LOCATION.

AND THAT BRINGS ME TO MY LAST POINT, Mr. MAYOR, WHICH IS TO ME, THE SITE'S IMPORTANT, BUT IT'S NOT AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT THE SPACE WILL BECOME.

AND WE CAN PUT ALL THE MONEY INTO THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN THAT WE WANT, MATERIALS AND TEXTURES HAVE AN IMPORTANCE, BUT TO ME, IT'S ABOUT WHAT THE SPACE WILL BE.

AND WE'RE ABLE TO GET STUDENTS AND IF WE'RE ABLE TO GET BUSINESSES, IF WE'RE ABLE TO GET START UP, IF WE'RE ABLE TO GET HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT INSTEAD OF HANGING IN THE MALL GO AND HANG OUT AT THE LIBRARY BECAUSE IT'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT SPACE, THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN THIS PROJECT.

AND I WANT TO REMAIN INVOLVED.

I WANT TO BE CONSULTED ON WHAT THOSE SPACES WILL BE AND HOW FLEXIBLE THEY'LL BE IN THE FUTURE.

SO I'M CERTAINLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE \$100 MILLION INVESTMENT.

I'M SUPPORTIVE OF A CENTRAL LIBRARY AND CERTAINLY WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN THE INNOVATION AND SERVICES DELIVERY OF IT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Watson: MERCI.

COUNCILLOR DEANS, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR, AND LET START BY SAYING THAT I TOO AM SUPPORTIVE OF A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY AND I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT PROJECT AND WILL SERVE US FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE LIBRARY BOARD AND A CHAIR OF THE LIBRARY BOARD AND THE CITY STAFF FOR ALL OF THE EFFORT THAT YOU HAVE PUT INTO IN THE PROJECT TO DATE.

I KNOW IT'S BEEN A HUGE AND DAUNTING TASK FOR YOU AND I COMMEND YOU FOR THAT.

I HAVE TO SAY AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL, WHO WAS TASKED WITH A MAKING THE SITE SELECTION DECISION TODAY, I AM DISAPPOINTED WITH THE PROCESS.

I KNOW THAT YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK AND I DON'T KNOW ANYONE, AT ALL WHAT YOU'VE DONE, BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IT'S A WONKY PROCESS WHERE YOU ARE A LIBRARY BOARD RECOMMENDING TO COUNCIL BUT WHEN LIBRARY BOARD HEARD PUBLIC DELEGATIONS THE CHAIRS WERE ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY REMOVED FROM THE ROOM SO COUNCIL COULDN'T PARTICIPATE, WE COUNT QUESTION THE PUBLIC.

AND BECAUSE IT DOESN'T COME THROUGH A CITY COMMITTEE, WE'VE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC WHAT THE PUBLIC THOUGHT.

AND ALSO, COUNCILLOR BROCKINGTON AND CLOUTIER AND I WERE HOPEFUL THAT WE COULD HAVE A CONSULTATION IN OUR OWN WARD SO WE COULD HEAR, BECAUSE IN IS CENTRAL LIBRARY, SO WE COULD HEAR FROM THE ENTIRE FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS WHAT THEY THOUGHT AND WHAT THEIR CONCERNS WERE, IF THEY HAD ANY AND WE COULD BRING THAT TO THE PROCESS' DECISION MAKING AND WE WERE TOLD BY THE LIBRARY THAT THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT SUCH A MEETING AND COUNCILLORS' WARD.

I THINK THAT'S DISAPPOINTING IN TERMS OF PROCESS.

HAVING SAID THAT AND MY TIME IS MARCHING ON, I ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES AS WE ALL KNOW, I'M GOING TO ASK MY QUESTIONS.

STARTING WITH SIZE.

BECAUSE IN 2012 WE WERE TALKING ABOUT 350,000 SQUARE FEET OF LIBRARY SPACE, AND I KNOW, I'M FOLLOWING YOU ON WHAT COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI SAID AND I KNOW THINGS CHANGED AND LIBRARY SCIENCE CHANGED AND WHAT WE DO IN THE LIBRARY HAS CHANGED, BUT TO GO TO A THIRD OF WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT JUST FIVE YEARS AGO SEEMS LIKE A DRAMATIC DROP.

WHY SO SMALL IS IT'S ONLY 25,000 SQUARE FEET BIGGER THAN WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE.

WE'RE BUILDING FOR THE FOUR.

WHY SO SMALL?

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, COUNCIL, AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORDS YOU'VE GIVEN TODAY.

FIRST OF ALL, I THINK COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI KIND OF ALLUDED TO THE FACT BACK IN 2006, WE HAD A LOT MANY OF BOOKS AND IT WAS A VERY DIFFERENT SYSTEM.

BUT ON THAT NOTE, I'M GOING TO EILEEN TO GO MORE IN DEPTH ABOUT HOW WE GOT TO THE SQUARE FOOTAGE.

>> FOR YOU, MAYOR, I'D LIKE TO JUST SPEAK TO THE SIZE OF THE FACILITY.

IN 2008 WHEN THE LIBRARY BOARD UNDERTOOK THE FIRST EXERCISE TO DEVELOP A PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A CENTRAL LIBRARY IT WASN'T A MUCH BIGGER FACILITIES AND THEN IN THE LATE 2000s, ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND ELECTRONIC BOOKS REALLY START TO THE COME INTO THEIR OWN AND BECOME A BEST PRACTICE AND TREND.

AND THE RESULTS OF THAT IS IN THAT 2014 WHEN THE LIBRARY BOARD WAS DETERMINING WHETHER A RENOVATION OR A NEW BUILD WAS A BEST OPTION BASED ON A BUSINESS CASE ANALYSIS, IT WAS REALLY AGREED TO THAT 130,000 OR 133,000 SQUARE FEET WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A CENTRAL LIBRARY IN OTTAWA.

AND SOME OF THE REASONS FOR THIS, I MENTIONED EARLIER TO COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI, OTTAWA HAS A LARGE GEOGRAPHY.

WE HAVE A STRONG BRANCH SYSTEM.

WE HAVE 32 LOCATION SERVING THE CITY.

AND IT REALLY IS FELT THAT THIS AMOUNT OF SPACE IS MORE THAN WELL, IT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS FOR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

AND IF THE SPACE IS DESIGNED WELL AND IT'S FLEXIBLE SPACE, WE KNOW IT WILL MEET OUR NEEDS FOR DECADES TO COME.

>> THANK YOU.

JUST TO FOLLOW UP AND THANKS TO COUNCILLOR TIERNEY TO HAVE SOME OF MY QUESTIONS ARRANGED TO BE ASKED OFFLINE.

WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT SIDE, WHAT I HEARD YESTERDAY IS WHEN YOU SCOPED IT OUT WITH THE NEW REALITY, WHICH I UNDERSTAND, THE NUMBERS CAME IN SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 130 TO 200,000 SQUARE FEET, SO WHY THE VERY LOW END OF WHAT YOU THINK YOU NEED?

>> I'LL GET IT RIGHT.

THROUGH YOU, Mr. MAYOR, THE RESPONSE TO THAT IS CONSULTANTS THAT WE WERE WORKING WITH TWO YEARS AGO WHO PREPARED A PRELIMINARY FRAMEWORK FOR A CENTRAL LIBRARY, THEY INDICATED THAT THEY FELT THAT THE RANGE FOR CENTRAL LIBRARIES WAS IN WAS FROM ABOUT 130,000 SQUARE FEET TO 200,000 SQUARE FEET.

THEY FELT THAT DAYS OF THOSE REALLY BIG MONOLITHIC 350,000 SQUARE FEET BUILDINGS WAS GONE BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE FLEXIBILITY OF SPACES.

SO FOR THAT REASON, AND AGAIN, BECAUSE OF OUR GEOGRAPHY AND THE SQUARE FEET THAT WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY BRANCHES, IT WAS FELT THAT THAT WAS AN APPROPRIATE SIZE, AND THE BOARD APPROVED THAT SIZE IN JUNE OF 2015.

SO WE'VE BEEN WORKING THAT WITH THAT NUMBER SINCE THEN.

>> OKAY, AND CAN YOU JUST TELL ME HOW MANY DAILY USERS YOU ANTICIPATE AT THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE, THE ONE WE BUILD, COMPARED TO HOW MANY WE HAVE CURRENTLY.

>> CURRENTLY THE MAIN BRANCH RECEIVES ABOUT 2,000 VISITORS A DAY.

AND WE'RE ANTICIPATING CONSERVATIVELY THAT THE NEW FACILITY, A NEW JOINT FACILITY WILL RECEIVE JUST UNDER 5,000 VISITORS A DAY.

THAT ESTIMATE IS BASED ON THE ADVICE OF EXTERNAL EXPERTS IN LIBRARY PLANNING, PARTICULARLY FOR CENTRAL LIBRARIES, AND ALSO ON THE EXPERIENCES OF HALIFAX AND A NUMBER OF OTHER CENTRAL LIBRARIES THAT HAVE OPENED IN THE PAST DECADE.

>> THAT'S INTERESTING, BECAUSE I JUST HEARD YOU SAY IN RESPONSE TO A FORMER ANSWER THAT WE HAVE A VERY DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM.

SO WE'RE I MEAN, I THINK HALIFAX HAS, YOU KNOW, A BIT DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHY THAN WE HAVE HERE IN THE CITY OF OTTAWA.

SO HOW CAN WE EXTRAPOLATE THE NUMBER BASED ON A VERY DIFFERENT KIND OF LIBRARY SERVICE?

>> YEAH, COUNCILLOR, ACTUALLY LOOKING AT HALIFAX, IT'S AN INTERESTING MODEL.

THEY GOT A VERY LARGE GEOGRAPHY AS WELL.

ONE OF THE APPOINTMENTS THAT I REALLY WANT TO MAKE SURE IS IN HERE IS WE MOVED OUR BACK ROOM FUNCTIONALITY THAT SOME CENTRAL BRANCHES HAVE DECIDED TO KEEP IN, WHATEVER.

>> CAN YOU SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MIC, COUNCILLOR.

>> OUR BACK ROOM FUNCTIONALITY IS A TALL WOOD AND JUST GOING OVER THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LIBRARIES OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY, ONE OF THEM ACTUAL SHE A GREEN BURROW.

WHEN WE BUILT THAT, IT WAS CONSIDERED THE LIBRARY OF THE FUTURE AND AS WE KNOW, OVER TIME THINGS DO CHANGE, TECHNOLOGY COMES INTO PLAY.

IF YOU WANT A FURTHER ELABORATE, I CAN ASK ELAINE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

>> HAVE YOU ESTIMATED HOW MANY USERS YOU THINK YOU WILL LOSE, THEY'RE CURRENTLY USING THE CENTRAL BRANCH AS A RESULT OF THE DISTANCE FROM THE CORE?

>> WE HAVEN'T DONE ANY STUDIES ON THAT.

I MEAN, WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE FUTURE CUSTOMERS AS WELL.

WE'LL HAVE PEOPLE COME TO THE NEW FACILITIES WHO ARE COPPING TO THE CURRENT FACILITY.

THE NUMBER OF VISITS TO THE CURRENT FACILITY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DROPPING BECAUSE I THINK MANY PEOPLE FIND THAT IT'S NOT A REALLY NICE ATMOSPHERE TO BE IN.

SO NO, I DON'T HAVE ANY DATA FOR YOU.

>> DID YOU DO ANY SURVEYS AFTER THE ACTUAL BRANCH ASKING CUSTOMER IF THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO THAT FAR AFIELD TO USE THE SERVICES OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY?

>> WE DID A SURVEY OF CUSTOMERS AT THE BRANCH IN SEPTEMBER OF 2015.

ASKING THEM WHERE THEY HAD COME FROM AND GETTING A SENSE OF HOW FAR THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO A LOCATION.

>> OKAY.

CAN YOU JUST REMIND ME OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PREFERRED SITE TO PUBLIC TRANSIT AND THE DISTANCE OF I THINK IT'S SITE 6 TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.

>> YES.

THE DISTANCE TO THE PIMSY LRT STATION BETWEEN 240 AND 290 METRES TO THE RECOMMENDED SITE, IT'S 380 METRES FROM THE LION LRT STATION AND SITE 6 IS I BELIEVE 80 TO 90 METRES FROM THE LION STATION.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.

SO I THINK COUNCILLOR TIERNEY TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT Mr. NANOS, WHO DID THE SURVEY WAS GOING TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AND I'M HOPING TO ASK HIM A QUESTION.

>> YES, COUNCILLOR, I'LL GET NICK NANOS TO COME UP AND I THINK WE KNOW HIM FROM DOING MANY PUBLIC SURVEYS THROUGH THE CITY AND COUNTRY.

HE NEED FOR INTRODUCTION.

>> THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY, Mr. NANOS.

I READ THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU ASKED AND THERE WAS ONE THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO BE A BIAS BUILT INTO IT.

IT ASKED WOULD YOU PREFER THIS SITE TO BE PARTNERED WITH THE LIBRARIES IN OUR CANADA SAVING IS \$12.8 MILLION OR WOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE ANOTHER GO IT ALONE AND SAVE \$12.8 MILLION, WELL, THAT SOUNDED AN AWFUL LOT LIKE LEADING QUESTION TO ME.

SO MAYBE YOU COULD JUST EXPLAIN TO US THE SCIENCE OF THAT AND HOW YOU MAKE SURE THERE'S NO BIAS BUILT INTO THE QUESTION, AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW MUCH REAL PUBLIC SUPPORT THERE IS FOR THIS PROJECT.

>> SUPER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

BLUE YOU, Mr. MAYOR, I GUESS AS THE INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER ON THIS PROJECT, IT'S ACTUALLY MY RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY TO DO ACCURATE RESEARCH THAT IS SCIENTIFICALLY BASED, BUT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE ARE PRESENTING RESIDENTS WITH DECISIONS THAT THEY HAVE INFORMATION.

AND OBVIOUSLY FROM SOME OF THE PREVIOUS RESEARCH THAT WE HAD DONE THROUGH THE FOCUS GROUPS, IT WAS PRETTY CLEAR THAT NOT JUST RESIDENTS DOWNTOWN, BUT RESIDENTS ACROSS THE CITY WANTED TO LEARN OR KNOW ABOUT A NUMBER OF THINGS RELATED TO THE PROJECT.

FIRST OF ALL, THE TYPES OF SERVICES THAT WOULD BE OFFERED THERE.

SECOND OF ALL, ACCESSIBILITY.

THIRD, COST.

AND FOURTH, LOCATION.

SO IN THE PREVIOUS RESEARCH THAT WE HAD DONE, I KNEW THAT THESE WERE THE FACTORS AND MY JOB WAS TO RECEIVE THE REPORT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO CRAFT QUESTIONS BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE IN THE REPORT.

AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I QUOTE THE QUESTIONS MYSELF WITHOUT DIRECTION FROM ANYONE, AND ANYBODY WHO KNOWS ME KNOWS THAT'S THE WAY I ROLL WHEN IT COMES TO RESEARCH.

AND IT WAS MY VIEW THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN WE'RE DOING A CITYWIDE SURVEY THAT WE ALSO INCLUDE NOT JUST THE SITE, NOT JUST THE POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA, NOT JUST IS SERVICES, BUT ALSO THE REALITY OF THE FISCAL CHOICES OF THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS.

AND THAT WAS MY RATIONALE I THINK TO DO RESEARCH WITHOUT INCLUDING THE COST OF THE CHOICES, I PROBABLY WOULD BE ANSWERING

QUESTIONS TODAY PERHAPS FROM I DON'T YOURSELF OR OTHER COUNCILLORS ON, WELL, WHY DIDN'T WE TELL PEOPLE THAT ALONG WITH THE CHOICES RELATED TO GEOGRAPHY AND CONFIGURATION THAT THERE WERE CHOICES RELATED TO THE DIFFERENT COSTS OF THE DIFFERENT OPTIONS.

SO THAT WAS THAT WAS MY RATIONALE FOR IT.

NOW, TO KIND OF PARAPHRASE A NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS TODAY, WAS THE QUESTION PERFECT?

NO.

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS A PERFECT RESEARCH QUESTION?

NO.

WAS THE RESEARCH FAIR?

YES.

DOES IT REPRESENT THE OPINION OF ALL RESIDENTS?

ABSOLUTELY, IN MY OPINION.

>> SO IF YOU HAD CRAFTED A QUESTION THAT TALKED ABOUT DISTANCE AND YOU SAID, WOULD YOU PREFER SITE 6, AN 80 METRE WALK TO PUBLIC TRANSIT OR PREFER SITE 8 AT A 180 METRE WALK, DO YOU THINK THE ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF SITE SELECTION?

BECAUSE TO ME, IF YOU LEAD A QUESTION, YOU GET THE ANSWER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

>> NO.

IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT.

BECAUSE YOU KNOW, IN THE FOCUS GROUPS, WHAT WAS INTERESTING THAT CAME UP IN THE FOCUS GROUPS IS THAT RESIDENTS WERE VERY QUICK TO IDENTIFY THAT THE NEW LRT LINE WAS A GAME CHANGER.

EVEN THOUGH IT DIDN'T EXIST.

SO AND YOU HAVE TO REALIZE THAT DISTANCE WALKING HERE IS ANOTHER LITTLE GREAT TRIVIA TIDBIT FOR PEOPLE IN CENTRE TOWN ARE WILLING TO WALK ACTUALLY FURTHER THAN PEOPLE IN BARRHAVEN.

I GUESS IT'S JUST PART OF THE MAKEUP.

SORRY.

I'M SORRY.

BUT THE THING IS THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS, WHEN THEY HEAR A 450 METRE WALK, FOR THEM, THAT'S NOT A BIG DISTANCE.

RIGHT?

SO IF YOU'RE LIVING IN OR LANES AND TALKING ABOUT 450 METRES AND THE DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN SITE, A \$33 MILLION DIFFERENCE THIS COST FOR A 450 METRE WALK, THAT'S DIFFERENCE.

WE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE MAP BECAUSE FOR THOSE FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE SEEN THE QUESTIONNAIRE, THE MAP ACTUALLY NOT JUST INCLUDES THE LOCATIONS, THE MAP ACTUALLY MAPS OUT ALL OF THE LRT STATIONS GOING THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN IN RELATION TO ALL THE RECOMMENDED SITE AND THE TO OTHER SITES.

SO THAT WAS VERY CLEAR TO ALL OF THEM.

SO WAS THE QUESTION PERFECT?

NO.

IS THERE A PERFECT QUESTION?

NO.

BUT I THINK I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT IN THE RESULTS.

AND I ALWAYS KIND OF SAY IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST TO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.

THE NUMBERS AND THE RESULTS HAVE TO PASS KIND OF, I'LL CALL IT THE SMELL TEST.

>> I'D LOVE TO ASK YOU A PERFECT QUESTION RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M OUT OF TIME.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DOWNER DEAN.

COUNCILLOR HARDER, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

AND I WANT TO SAY THAT SAYING THE ONTARIO PROVINCE, THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO HAS A LIBRARY ACT FOR A PURPOSE AND IT'S BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARIES TO CITIZENRY OF THIS PROVINCE AND THEY GIVE AUTHORITY TO PEOPLE WHO CHOSE TO SERVE ON THE LIBRARY BOARD SO THEY CAN BEST REPRESENT THE LIBRARY, AND LIKE AROUND AND THE NEEDS OF THE PARTICULAR

MUNICIPALITIES AND I LOOK AROUND AND I SEE FORMER TRUSTEES LIKE JIM BENNETT IN THE AUDIENCE AND LOOK AT ANDRE BERGERON AND PAM SWEET WHO IS NOT HERE SERVING IN HER THIRD TERM AND I LOOK AT YOU, Mr. MAYOR, AND DOWNER DEANS WHO PACK IN THE LATE '90s BEFORE AMALGAMATION KNEW THAT OTTAWA AT 350,000 PEOPLE HAD OUTGROWN ITS MAIN LIBRARY.

SO THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT WHEN WE AMALGAMATED, WE HAD A VERY STRONG LIBRARY SYSTEM IN NAP EVEN AND COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI WAS THE CHAIR OF A LIBRARY SYSTEM AND WE KNEW THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE WOULD HAVE, BECAUSE NOW AT THE 900,000 PEOPLE, SURELY THERE IS A NEED FOR A BETTER SPACE.

I THINK THAT I LOOK BACK TO 2006 TERM AND WHY AT THIS TIME WE WERE LOOKING AT THE 350,000 SQUARE FOOT LIBRARY.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR CITY LIBRARIAN, BARBARA CLUB, AND I LOOK AT IN THIS ROOM THE STAFF THAT ARE STILL TODAY INVOLVED, LIKES, FOR EXAMPLE, ELAINE.

ELAINE HAS BEEN ON THE MAIN LIBRARY FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN HERE IN THE NEW CITY OF OTTAWA.

AND GORD McNAIR, TO HAVE THAT EXPERTISE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STAFF THAT WE HAVE AND THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MAKING CHOICES ABOUT LIBRARIES, I GO BACK TO 2004 WHEN BECAUSE OF PRESSURES IN THE BUDGET, WE LOOKED TO CLOSE EIGHT BRANCH AND I STILL RECALL 20,000 POSTCARDS THAT LAURIE NASH DUMPING THEM ON TO THE FLOOR FROM BLACK BURNHAM LET LIBRARY SAYING YOU SHALL NOT CLOSE OUR BRANCH.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.

LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT THE PEOPLE IN OTTAWA.

GIVEN OUR LARGE GEOGRAPHY WITH 33 BRANCHES WHEN I WAS THE CHAIR AND THAT'S WHY I'M SPEAKING, BECAUSE IT WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T.

I HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS JOURNEY SINCE AMALGAMATION AND FOR EIGHT YEARS I WAS THE CHAIR AND I UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE.

AND WE TRIED VERY HARD AND WE THE UNDERTAKING TO SEE WHEN WE COULD STAY AT THE CURRENT LOCATION.

WE SPENT A LONG TIME DOING THAT.

AND WE PROVED THROUGH A MATTER OF DIFFERENT MEANS, BUT CERTAINLY THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE WITH THAT SPACE, WITH AN ESCALATOR THAT WENT ONE WAY.

THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCESSIBLE TO ANYBODY WHO HAD ANY KIND OF ACCESSIBLE NEED.

TO WASHROOMS THAT THE POLICE WERE WANTING TO SHUT DOWN BECAUSE THEY WERE UNSAFE FOR PEOPLE TO GO INTO.

WITH AN AUDITORIUM THAT WOULD, YOU KNOW, HOLD THE THAT PEEN RAIDERS MINOR LEAGUE HOCKEY TEAM AND NO MEETING SPACE, AND OVER TIME LIBRARIES EVOLVED FROM THE TIME THAT 350,000 MADE SENSE IF SERVED FOR SIX YEARS ON SOMETHING CALLED THE URBAN LIBRARY COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA I WAS THE CANADIAN.

I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT LIBRARIES.

AND I CAN TELL YOU THE DIFFERENCE OF WHY THIS WILL BE CERTAINLY THE RIGHT SIZE IS BECAUSE LIBRARIES ARE FLUID.

I TOLD CATHERINE McKENNY THIS A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

LIBRARIANS ARE NOT STUCK INSIDE A SPACE.

THEY DO OUTREACH THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE ABOUT.

THEY CAN ACTUALLY LEAVE THE BUILDING.

WALLS, LIKE AT BEAVERBROOK THAT CAN BE PUSHED BACK AND CREATE DIFFERENT SPACES ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEETING SPACES.

AND LATER ON TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MOTION COME ON THE FLOOR ABOUT THE IDEA OF DOING MORE FOR NEW PEOPLE COMING TO THIS CITY.

AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU AS SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS MORE THAN ANYBODY IN THE ROOM ABOUT ON THE ELECTED SIDE ABOUT LIBRARIES, THE PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING TO THIS CITY KNOW WHEN THEY COME FROM ANY COUNTRY THAT THE PLACE THEY GO TO FIND OUT HOW TO BE A CANADIAN, HOW TO SET THEIR KIDS UP FOR SCHOOL, HOW TO GET JOBS, HOW TO LEARN A LANGUAGE, THEIR FIRST STOP IS THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT.

SO I I ALSO WILL JUST POINT OUT THAT BACK IN THAT TIME, AND THAT TERM OF 2006, WE WERE NOT GOING EAST WEST WITH OUR LRT, WE WERE GOING NORTH SOUTH AND THAT MADE SOME CHANGES TOO.

BUT I CAN TELL YOU WITH ALL ASSURANCE THAT I TRULY BELIEVE THAT WORK THAT HAS GONE ON FOR OVER THE DECADE, WELL OVER A DECADE, APPROACHING TWO DECADES REALLY, HAS BROUGHT US TO THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE YOU TODAY I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT PARTS

OF THE EXCITING PARTS ACTUALLY OF SHAPING WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE AND WELCOMING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE INTO OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCILLOR BLAIS, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Mr. MAYOR AND THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR TIERNEY AND THE OTHERS FOR THEIR PRESENTATION THIS MORNING.

I'D LIKE TO SPEND A FEW MOMENTS JUST SPEAKING ABOUT THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS.

THE REPORT THAT WILL COME IN JUNE RELATING TO FINANCING.

I'M REFERRING TO A DOCUMENT NOW THAT WAS PUBLISHED IN I BELIEVE IT WAS JUNE 2016 PRODUCED BY DANEX.

THIS A LONG TERM CAPITAL PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY AS A WHOLE.

IN ON PAGE 39 OF THE DOCUMENT, IT SAYS BY 2030 THERE WILL BE A 16,000 SQUARE FOOT GAP IN ORLEANS BY 2023 ALL SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES WILL HAVE A 51,000 SQUARE FOOT GAP IN SERVICE AND THERE A PLAN FOR AND I AGREE THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE BRANCH SYSTEM.

AND THIS PLAN INDICATES THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY IN 2018 TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS IN RIVERSIDE SOUTH AND IN 2020 IN ORLEANS AND 2022 IN BARRHAVEN AND IT ALSO SAYS THAT THIS PLAN IS ELIGIBLE FOR SOME \$30 MILLION IN D.C. FUNDING IT ITSELF SAYS THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT GAP IN THEIR OWN PLANNING.

AND SO I'M WONDERING IF THE DOCUMENT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE IN JUNE WILL NOT ONLY ADDRESS HOW THE CENTRAL LIBRARY WILL BE FINANCED, BUT HOW THE ENTIRETY OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN WILL BE FINANCED AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF OUR DECISIONS ON THOSE BRANCHES, WHICH AS HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED, ARE SO CRITICAL TO THE SYSTEM.

>> THERE YOU, Mr. MAYOR, OUR BRANCHES, PARTICULAR ME THOSE THAT INTEREST IN THE SUBURBS, DO BENEFIT FROM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, SO, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR COUNCILLOR QAQISH'S WARD, FUNDING ALREADY EXISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACCOUNT.

THE REAL PRESSURES COME WHEN IT COMES TO OPERATING THE BRANCH AND IF WE HAVE TO FIND NEW FTEs.

WITH RESPECT OUR BEAVERBROOK BRANCH RECENTLY OPENED.

IT EXPANDED FROM 8,000 SQUARE FEET TO 24,000 SQUARE FEET AND WE WERE ABLE TO SELF FUND THE GROWTH IN FTEs AND WON'T BE THE CASE WHEN WE GO FORWARD.

BUT THE CAPITAL FUNDS EXIST IN THE FUNDS AND AS WE DEVELOP THE LONG RANGE FUND, WE LOOK HOW MUCH WE CAN PULL FROM THE CAPITAL ENVELOPE TO PUT FORWARD THE NEW BRANCHES.

>> I APPRECIATE THAT.

MARIAN, WILL THE DOCUMENT THAT COMES FORWARD IN JUNE ACCOUNT FOR PLAN AND DESIRE TO BUILD THREE NEW BRANCHES BY 2022 ON THE CAPITAL AND THE OPERATING SIDE OF THE EQUATION?

>> THE DOCUMENT THAT COMES FORWARD IN JUNE WILL ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE FUNDING FOR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, WHICH IS GOING TO ADDRESS THE BROADER NEEDS, IS ACTUALLY THE LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE TAX SIDE AND THAT IS WE'RE ANTICIPATING THAT WILL ACTUALLY COME FORWARD, IF NOT BY THE THIRD QUARTER, AT LEAST BY THE LAST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

AND THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL LIBRARY REQUIREMENTS.

>> OKAY.

AND SO HOW DO WE MAKE A JUDGMENT ON HOW THIS PROJECT WILL AFFECT OTHERS IF

>> COUNCILLOR CAN YOU SPEAK INTO YOUR MIC.

IT'S HARD TO HEAR.

>> HOW DO WE MAKE A JUDGMENT ON WHETHER WE BELIEVE THIS PROJECT WILL AFFECT OTHERS IF THE OTHERS ARE COMING SIX MONTHS AFTER THIS ONE?

>> WE WILL HAVE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE AFFORDABILITY OF THIS ONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS.

THE LIMITATION THAT YOU HAVE REALLY ON THE REMAINING CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIBRARY, THE GROWTH PORTION OF IT, IS THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT.

WHICH SAYS YOU CAN ONLY HAVE YOU HAVE A HISTORICAL SERVICE LEVEL CAP FOR LIBRARIES.

THIS PROJECT WILL ACTUALLY HELP YOU, BECAUSE IT'S EXPANDING YOUR FOOTPRINT, IT'S EXPANDING THE SQUARE FOOTAGE.

SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY INCREASING SERVICE LEVEL BY DOING THAT.

SO WE WILL ADDRESS THAT IN THE REPORT ABOUT THE FUTURE NEEDS, AND BUT I DO NOT THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO AT THAT POINT IN TIME BE ABLE TO SAY WE CAN AFFORD THIS AND WE CAN AFFORD ALL OF THESE OTHER ONES AT THE SAME TIME.

UNTIL WE DO THE COMPLETE WORK, BUT YOUR HINDRANCE IS REALLY THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT, NOT SO MUCH THE CITY FUNDING AVAILABLE.

>> PERFECT.

SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S AN UPDATE TO THE D.C. BYLAW COMING IN JUNE OR JULY OF THIS YEAR.

AND SO WILL THE D.C. BYLAW UPDATE ADDRESS OUR D.C. GAP, AS IT RELATES TO LIBRARIES OR ANY OTHER SERVICE?

>> THE UPDATE COMING FORWARD IS AN AMENDMENT.

I SHOULDN'T CALL IT AN UPDATE.

IT'S AN AMENDMENT.

AND AN AMENDMENT TO DEAL WITH THE NEW REGULATIONS AROUND TRANSIT.

THERE WILL BE A FULL UPDATE, MY UNDERSTANDING, IN 2019.

AND AT THAT TIME, WE'LL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS WE'LL BE ABLE TO REFLECT THE NEW SERVICE LEVEL STANDARD FOR LIBRARIES AND THERE BY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES WE'RE ABLE TO COLLECT.

>> SO IS THE REPORT THAT'S COMING FOR D.C.s THIS SUMMER WILL ONLY DEAL WITH TRANSIT ISSUE, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY OTHER ISSUES IN THAT AMENDMENT OTHER THAN TRANSIT?

>> Mr. MAYOR, THE OTHER CHANGE, IT'S GUARANTEE IS LEARN GEARED TOWARD THE TRANSIT SERVICE BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN ACT.

WE ALSO HAD A DECISION FROM THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD RELATED TO INTERSECTIONS SO WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT.

BUT THOSE ARE THE ONLY CHANGES THAT WE WOULD BE RECOMMENDING THROUGH THAT AMENDMENT.

>> THOSE ARE THE ONLY CHANGES YOU'LL BE RECOMMENDING OR THOSE ARE THE ONLY CHANGES POSSIBLE TO BE ADDRESSED?

>> GIVEN THE TIME TO MEET THE WE HAVE WE'RE LOOK TO HAVE THE AMENDMENT IN FRONT OF COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL IN MAY.

I WOULD THINK WE'RE TO THE POINT WHERE THAT'S ALL WE CAN CONCEIVE AGREE ACCOMPLISH BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

>> AND WHAT IS YOUR WHAT IS YOUR LIMITATION ON ACCOMPLISHING MORE?

>> IN TERMS IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE, WE HAVE A 60 DAY NOTICE IN TERMS OF THE BACKGROUND STUDY HAS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD.

WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT DONE BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.

WE JUST WOULDN'T REALLY BE ABLE TO TACKLE ANY OTHER SERVICES BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF THIS MONTH.

>> AND THAT'S TO TEST RISK OF APPEAL WITH THE INDUSTRY?

>> I COULDN'T HEAR.

>> SORRY.

THE 60 DAY, I APPRECIATE, I'M SURE IS STATUTORY, BUT IT'S ALSO TO ADDRESS THE RISK OF APPEAL TO THE WITH THE INDUSTRY?

>> YES, IT'S MANDATORY.

THROUGH THE CHANGES TO THE ACT, THEY USED TO BE LIKE A 30 DAY OR 40 DAY AND NOW WE HAVE TO GO 60 DAYS AND WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A VALID BYLAW IN FRONT OF A COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

WE HAVE TO HAVE GIVEN THAT 60 DAY NOTICE FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO VIEW THE BACKGROUND STUDY.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> COUNCILLOR NUSSBAUM, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

I WAS GOING TO USE ANY FIVE MINUTES THIS MORNING TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS THAT GOT US HERE, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT I SEE AS SOME OF THE SHORT COMINGS AND GAPS IN THAT PROCESS, FOR EXAMPLE, TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW A SITE SELECTION PROCESS CAN BE DEEMED FAIR WHEN RECOMMENDED SITE WAS REFERRED TO BY LIBRARY STAFF AS THE PREFERRED SITE WELL OVER A YEAR BEFORE THERE WAS A SITE SELECTION PROCESS IN PLACE OR WHY THE RECOMMENDED SITE IS DEEMED TO BE WORTH HALF THE MARKET VALUE OF A PRIVATE SITE 200

METRES AWAY CLOSER TO CORE THAT RECENTLY SOLD FOR TWICE THE VALUE DESPITE BEING LESS THAN HALF THE SIZE.

OR WHY THE PUBLIC POLLING QUESTIONS BASED ON THE HARD TO COMPREHEND REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS WERE WORDED A LITTLE BIT A LITTLE BIT LIKE ASKING A CHILD WHETHER IT WANTS ONE MARSHMALLOW OR TWO.

BUT I REALIZE THAT ASKING THESE QUESTIONS WOULD NOT CHANGE THE OUTCOME AND MY FIVE MINUTES MIGHT BE BETTER SPENT BOILING DOWN WHAT THIS DEBATE IS ABOUT IN SUBSTANCE.

I BELIEVE THE DEBATE IS REALLY ABOUT THE SITE AND THE DEBATE ABOUT THE SITE IS REALLY A PROXY FOR A CONTEST BETWEEN TWO VISIONS OF OUR CITY.

A VISION OF DOWNTOWN CONSOLIDATION OR INVIGORATION, A VISION OF DOWNTOWN DIFFUSION.

BOTH ARE VALID.

OUT THE CONSOLIDATORS BELIEVE THAT THE LIBRARY SITE SHOULD DO A NUMBER OF THING, BE LOCATED TO MAXIMIZE THE PROXIMITY TO THE THREE USER GROUPS IDENTIFY BY THE LIBRARY STAFF, ALL RESIDENTS OF TWO, LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR WHOM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY IS THEIR BRANCH AND VISITORS.

THE SECOND THING THE CONSOLIDATORS BELIEVE IS THAT THE LIBRARY SHOULD STRENGTHEN THE DYNAMISM AND THE LIVABILITY OF THE DOWNTOWN CORE.

THE CONSOLIDATORS WOULD POINT TO THE OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE INTRIGUING GRAPHIC SCENARIOS AND MIGHT FOCUS ON EASY ACCESS NOT THE LRT, WHICH WAS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE WITH ANY SITE.

BUT ALSO THE MAJORITY OF CROSS TOWN BUS ROUTES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE POST LRT.

SOME CONSOLIDATORS WORRY ABOUT HOW AS A RESULT THEY ARE GROUPS LIVING IN THE MIXED AND DENSE CORE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS TO CRITICAL PUBLIC RESOURCE.

THE DIFFUSERS BELIEVE THE LIBRARY CAN SERVE THE ROLL AS AN IMPORTANT ANCHOR FOR A NEW DYNAMIC NOTE ON THE EDGE OF LEBRETEN FLATS.

THEY ARE CONFIDENT THE LRT WILL OVERCOME THE ACCESS ISSUES.

THEY BELIEVE THAT THE 100,000 DOWNTOWN OFFERS WORKERS FROM ALL PARTS OF OUR CITY WILL NOT BE DETERRED FROM USING THE NEW LIKE

RATHER BY THE ESCARPMENTS OR THE EXTRA DISTANCE FROM THEIR PLACE OF WORK.

THEY POINT TO VALUE OF VISTAS AND VIEW SHED AND BUTTRESS MAJOR INVESTMENTS ON CB AND ALBERT STREET AND THE VICINITY.

I THINK WE'RE VERY LUCKY IN THIS DISCUSSION BECAUSE BOTH GROUPS, THE CONSOLIDATORS AND DIFFUSERS CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THE CITY AND ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THEIR VIEW, EXCITED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF A NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY, AND I THINK WE SHOULD BE REALLY HEARTENED BY THE INCREDIBLE CIVIC ACTIVISM WE HAVE SEEN ON THIS FILE BACK WHILE THIS THE IS INDEED A CONTEST BETWEEN TWO VISIONS OF OUR CITY AND THE TWO VISIONS ARE ADVANCED WITH THAT PASSION AND CONVICTION, IT IS ULTIMATELY CONTEST OVER A PUBLIC ASSET THAT NO MATTER WHERE IT GOES WILL BE A REALLY IMPORTANT ADDITION TO OUR CIVIC LANDSCAPE.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS BUILDING WILL BE A HIT.

THE QUESTION IS WHICH OF THE TWO VISITS RESULT THIS EXTRA BASIS OR EVEN ALLOW US TO REGISTER A HOME RUN.

IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'M A CONSOLIDATOR AND WHILE I BELIEVE THAT MY VIEW IS SUPPORTED BY THE DEMOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE AND THE PROJECTIONS OF FUTURE GROWTH BY THE SPECIAL EVIDENCE OF OTHER CITIES AND BY THE EVIDENCE OF WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TOLD US, I DESPERATELY HOPE I'M WRONG.

AND WHILE I BELIEVE THE PROCESS HAD FLAWS, AND THE EVALUATION CRITERION AND SCORING WAS WEIGHTED TOWARD A SITE THAT SUPPORTED DIFFUSION, THAT BELIEF WILL NOT PREVENT ME FROM SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT MOVING FORWARD.

IT IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT.

AND I THINK FROM AFTER THIS DAY, IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS PROJECT IS A SUCCESSFUL.

THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR NUSSBAUM.

COUNCILLOR McKENNY, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

I WANT TO BEGIN AGAIN, I DID AT LIBRARY BOARD BY THANKING STAFF FOR THE WORK THAT WAS DONE ON THIS PROJECT.

LIBRARY STAFF ARE SOME OF OUR MOST COMMITTED STAFF AT THE CITY.

I KNOW THAT JENNIFER AT ROSE MOUNT HELPED ME TO RAISE MY DAUGHTER AS THE READER AND MANY, MANY MORE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU CAN GO INTO THIS LOCAL BRANCH AT ROSEMOUNT, WHICH OUR LOCAL BRANCH WHERE I LIVE AND ANY BRANCH ACROSS THE CITY NAY DAY AND FIND KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET AND OTHER LIBRARY SERVICES AT HOME THERE, THEY'RE STUDYING, THEY'RE AND THEY'RE HELPED BY THE STAFF AT LIBRARIES.

SO I WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE.

I FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THAT.

I'M ALSO NOT GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS AGAIN.

I'VE HAD MY OPPORTUNITY OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS.

AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK I GUESS NO ONE EVER THOUGHT THIS WAS GOING TO BE AN EASY PROCESS.

CERTAINLY NO ONE WAS UNDER ANY IMPRESSION THERE COULD BE CONSENSUS ON A SITE.

I AM THE COUNCILLOR FOR BOTH CENTRE TOWN AND FOR THE AREA WHERE 557 WELLINGTON IS LOCATED.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I LIVE ABOUT AN 8 MINUTE WALK FROM THE PROPOSED SITE.

IT IS A FABULOUS NEIGHBOURHOOD.

BUT BUILDING A CENTRAL LIBRARY NOT ABOUT GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS ALONE.

IT IS ABOUT CITY BUILDING, AND THIS IS MEANT TO BE A CITY BUILDING PROJECT FOR A CENTRAL LIBRARY THAT IS MEANT TO SERVE THE THREE GROUPS THAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY LIBRARY STAFF EARLIER.

THE ENTIRE CITY, VISITORS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS, SORRY, LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR WHOM THE MAIN BRANCH IS THEIR LOCAL BRANCH.

I AM ALREADY ON THE RECORD FOR WHY I DON'T FEEL THAT THE SITE MEETS THE INTENT OF THE CRITERIA FOR ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL USERS.

I DON'T FEEL THAT I NEED TO REPEAT MY OBJECTIONS TODAY SINCE THEY ARE ON RECORD FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 31st.

INCLUDING THE INPUT FROM HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS THAT WE HEARD FROM.

BUT I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE TODAY THAT THIS WILL BE A LOSS OF A BRANCH LIBRARY IN THE DENSEST PART OF THE CITY.

WHERE WALKING IS THE DOMINANT MODE OF TRAVEL AND 81% OF CURRENT MAIN BRANCH USERS WALK TO THE LIBRARY.

FOR THOSE RESIDENTS, THIS WILL BE A LOSS OF A LOCAL BRANCH.

IT WILL BE A HOLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT WHETHER ONE COMMUNITY'S GETTING SOMETHING AND ONE ISN'T.

ONE COMMUNITY IS LOSING A LIBRARY.

SO TO WRAP UP, I WANTED TO THANK THE MAYOR, WHO HAS PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED THE LOSS, THIS LOSS, AND THE LIBRARY CHAIR, WHO HAS DIRECTED STAFF TO REPORT BACK ON AT TRANSITION PLAN TO ENSURE THAT BY THE TIME THE NEW LIBRARY OPENS, THERE WILL BE LIBRARY BRANCH SERVICES THAT INCLUDE THINGS LIKE MEETING AND GATHERING SPACE, PICKS UP AND DROP OFF SERVICES, INTERNET AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE CENTRE TOWN AREA.

WE WILL BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THIS.

WE MAY COME WITH OUR OWN 25,000 POSTCARDS.

BECAUSE IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE CITY OF OTTAWA NOT LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND, ESPECIALLY WITH SUCH A CRITICAL SERVICE LIKE A LIBRARY BRANCH.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR.

DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCILLOR TIERNEY?

OKAY, COUNCILLOR TIERNEY.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, Mr. MAYOR.

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD DURING OUR EXTENSIVE DEBATE OVER THIS PROJECT OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, BUT THERE'S A COUPLE OF POINTS THAT I REALLY FEEL THAT I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN AND I APOLOGIZE IF WE'VE HEARD THEM ALREADY.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF.

BAR NONE, THEY ARE A TRUE PROFESSIONAL, THEY'RE ALWAYS AT BECK AND CALL EVEN ON WEEKENDS.

WEEKNIGHTS, THEY'RE ALWAYS THERE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, SO TREMENDOUS THANK YOU TO YOU GUYS.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROCESS, THE BOARD NEVER DEVIATED FROM THE LONG TERM GOAL OF THE CHOOSING THE BEST LOCATION FOR THE IMPORTANT FIXTURE IF COMMUNITY WE SPEND HALF A MILLION DOLLARS SINCE 2012 ON CONSULTATIONS AND REPORTS.

YOU HAVE HEARD PEOPLE SAY DO WHAT HALIFAX DOES.

WELL, WE HAD THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN AT THE TIME JUDY HAIR AS PART OF THE PROCESS.

MORTON SUBMIT, THE HALIFAX ARCHITECT FULLY ENDORSES THE SITE SELECTION.

PETER HUME, THE FORMER PLANNING CHAIR ENDORSES THIS SITE SELECTION.

MOHAMMED ADAM, RANDALL DENLEY, COLUMNIST FROM IS CITIZEN SUPPORT THIS SITE SELECTION.

EVEN DAVID REEVELY SAID ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN CAN SOLVE ANY PROBLEM ON THIS SITE.

AND IF WE DON'T CHEAP TO CHEEP OUT, THIS WILL BE A GREAT LOCATION.

AFTER 20 YEARS OF DITHERING, WE FINALLY HAVE A SOLID, WORKABLE PLAN, THE SUPPORT OF OUR MAYOR, AND THE UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA.

WE HAVE FIVE YEARS BEFORE WE RELOCATE AND STAFF WILL COME UP WITH A SOLID TRANSITION PLAN AND ACCESSIBILITY PLAN.

WHAT I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM THE PEOPLE IS GET ON WITH IT AND WE WANT TO SEE WHAT THIS LIBRARY COULD LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE.

LIKE LANDS DOWN, ART COURT, INNOVATION CENTRE, LIGHT RAIL, THE LIBRARY IS THE FINAL PIECE OF THE PUZZLE TO ENSURE THIS G7 CAPITAL DOES A LEADER AMONGST THE REST.

AT THIS POINT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT BACK OVER THE MAYOR AND CALL FOR YAYS AND NAYS ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT.

WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON SOMETHING ICONIC IN THE CITY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR.

AND NEXT SPEECH YOU'LL HAVE TO REFERENCE SOMETHING JOHN WILLING WROTE.

YOU MENTIONED EVERYONE ELSE IN THE CITIZEN, BUT JOHN WILLING AND HE LOOKS LIKE HE IS OPENLY CRYING UP THERE AND HE FEELS LEFT OUT.

OTTAWA HAS BEEN IN NEED OF A NEW MINE LIBRARY FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

[Speaking in French]

THE CURRENT FACILITY OUTLIVED THE USE AND DOES NOT LIVE UP TO THE STANDARD OF WHAT TO EXPECT IN A MODERN ACCESS LIBRARY.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE COME AS A RESULT OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH PROCESS UNDERTAKEN FROM A LIBRARY IN CANADA.

THE TOP SITE THAT CAME TO HAVE THE EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE BASED PROCESS REPRESENTS THE BEST POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR A NEW LIBRARY AT THE BEST VALUE FOR TAXPAYERS.

THE REALITY OF CONSTRUCTING ANY BRICK AND MORTAR FACILITY IS IT IS CLOSER TO SOME AND FARTHER FROM OTHERS.

[Speaking in French]

TERM THERAPY IS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION FOR ALL THE REST OF OTTAWA.

[End of Translation]

RESEARCH FOR THE LIBRARY, RESIDENTS OVERWHELMINGLY EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR A JOINT FACILITY WITH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA AT 88%.

AND FURTHERMORE, 72% OF RESIDENTS AGREED WITH THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF A NEW LIBRARY.

THE PROPOSED LOCATION RECEIVED MAJORITY SUPPORT FROM EVERY PART OF THE CITY.

EAST, WEST, SOUTH, CENTRAL AND RURAL.

[Speaking in French]

>> (Voice of Translator): AND THE CENTRAL LIBRARY IS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF OTTAWA.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING SPACE, CONNECTING TO A SOON TO BE DIRECT EVIDENCE PORTION OF THE CORE THAT HAS BEEN DESERTED LITERALLY FOR

DECADES AND IT WILL BORDER A COMPLETELY REDESIGNED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE FRIENDLY STREETScape IN THE BRONSON AND ALBERT CORRIDORS AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE BY BECOMING A NEIGHBOUR TO THE GOOD COMPANIONS SENIOR CENTRE, THE St. VINCENT HOSPITAL AND HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN COMMUNITY HOUSING DOWN THE STREET.

THAT ALONG THE THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ON THE WEST PARTS OF THE CENTRE TOWN IN CHINATOWN, PRESTON STREET, THE WHOLE DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY, AND THE THOUSANDS OF MORE WHO WILL BE LIVING IN THE LEBRETTEN FLATS DEVELOPMENT.

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HAD WRITTEN IN SUPPORT OF THE EXCITING PROJECT.

THE CITY OWNED SITE IS ADJACENT TO PIMSY LIGHT RAIL STATION AND SAVE TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BECAUSE WE OWN THE LAND AND THE DECISION IS OUR FIRST TEST AS THE COUNCIL IF WE'RE GOING TO LIVE UP TO OUR PRINCIPLES OF TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

WE ALL KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF CREATING A MORE LIVABLE CITY BY CONNECTING OUR RESIDENTS WITH WHERE THEY LIVE, WORK AND PLAY THROUGH PUBLIC TRANSIT.

AND WE CAN'T EXPECT THE PRIVATE DEVELOPERS AND EMPLOYERS WILL TAKE OUR PUSH FOR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IF WE AS A COUNCIL ARE NOT READY TO COMMIT TO IT WHEN GIVEN THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE BOLD AND FOCUS ON BUILDING THE OTTAWA OF THE FUTURE.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLU LIBRARY WILL TRANSFORM OUR CITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

[Speaking in French]

>> (Voice of Translator): CONSTRUCTION OF THIS NEW MAIN BRANCH WILL TRANSFORM OR CITY FOR GENERATION TO COME.

[End of Translation]

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR TIERNEY AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, DANIELLE McDONALD, LIBRARY CEO FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON THE PROJECT AND OUR STAFF FROM THE CITY OF OTTAWA LIBRARY WHO HAVE YOU POINTED OUT, COUNCILLOR, AND COUNCILLOR HARDER AS WELL, THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECTS FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK FORMER CHAIRS COUNCILLOR HARDER AND CHIARELLI, WHO WORKED VERY HARD AT BUILDING THE GROUNDWORK TO THE POINTS THAT WE ARE TODAY.

COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI TALKED ABOUT THAT, AS DID COUNCILLOR HARDER WE THANK THEM.

FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR McKENNY.

THIS IS A TOUGH DECISION FOR HER BECAUSE OF COURSE BOTH SITES ARE IN HER WARD.

AND IT I THINK SHE HAS HANDLED IT EXTREMELY WELL AND EXTREMELY PROFESSIONALLY IN TRYING SITUATION BECAUSE SHE HAS GOT ONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT'S QUITE HAPPY AND OPEN ARMS TO WELCOME, BUT SHE HAS GOT OTHER COMMIT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THAT PARTICULAR SITE ON LAURIER AND METCALF.

AND AS COUNCILLOR TIERNEY DID AT THE LIBRARY BOARD WITH MY SUPPORT AND CERTAINLY I BELIEVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND WE THANK THOSE VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS WITH US TODAY AND THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE, WE DO WANT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO BEFORE THE TRANSFER OF THE BUILDING TAKES PLACE.

WHAT WE CAN DO TO OFFER SERVICES PERHAPS IN AND AROUND THE CITY HALL AREA OR IN OTHER PUBLIC ACCESS SPACE THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO COME DO AND DO WORK IN LIBRARY, WHETHER IT'S ON COMPUTERS, DROPPING OFF BOOKS OR PICKING UP BOOKS.

I THANK ALL OUR CITY STAFF BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN AN ALL HANDS ON EFFORT ON THE PART OF OUR CITY.

BREAKING DOWN THOSE SAUNAS AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LIBRARY USERS AND I BELIEVE THAT WHEN THIS PROJECT IS BUILT, AND WE WALK THROUGH THOSE DOORS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE PUBLIC AND WE CAN ALL BE VERY PROUD OF THIS NEW, ICONIC STRUCTURE THAT WILL BE LOCATED IN THE VERY EXCITING PART OF OUR DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY I WANT URGE ALL MEMBERS TO BE FORWARD LOOKING AND VOTE FOR THIS NEW CHAPTER IN THE LIFE OF OUR LIBRARY AND YAYS AND NAYS HAVE BEEN CALLED.

MADAM DEPUTY CLERK ON THE REPORT.

[Calling of Recorded Vote]

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[Calling of Recorded Vote]

>> 21 YAYS, 1 NAY.

>> Mayor Watson: THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT ITEM IS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT NUMBER 20.

[Speaking in French]

BASELINE ROAD BUS RAPID TRANSIT COMPLETE STREET.

WE HAVE A MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EGLI, IF HE WOULD LIKE THE INTRODUCE THIS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

THE MOTION SHOULD BE UP ON THE SCREEN.

THE MOTION COMES OUT OF PUBLIC FEEDBACK AND DISCUSSION WE HAD AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING LAST WEEK.

THE PROJECT WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED.

AT THE MEETING.

BUT ONE ISSUE THAT CAME UP FROM A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS WAS THE WALKING DISTANCE FOR A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CONDOMINIUMS ALONG BASELINE ROAD WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF SEEN RESIDENTS WHO WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ADDITIONAL WALKING TIME.

ALREADY BAKED INTO THE PLAN FOR THIS PROJECT WAS A NEW SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION AT St. HELEN'S PLACE AND THAT IS WHERE THE COMMUNICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ADDITIONAL AN ADDITIONAL STATION PUT IN TO MINIMIZE WALKING TIME.

DURING THAT MEETING, WE HAD DISCUSSION WITH STAFF AND COUNCILLOR CHIARELLI, WHILE NOT ON THE COMMITTEE, ATTENDED TO SPEAK TO CONCERNS OF HIS RESIDENTS, AT THE END OF THE MEETING WE LEFT STAFF WITH A DIRECTION TO GO OFF AND SEE IF A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND FOR THAT PARTICULAR WALKING ISSUE, WHETHER IT BE BY A MINI STATION OR AN APPROPRIATELY SIZED STATION ALONG THE ROUTE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF St. HELEN'S.

THE PROVISIO ON THAT WAS THAT IT BE AFFORDABLE AND THAT IT ALSO NOT IMPACT IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY ON THE INTENT OF THIS PROJECT, WHICH TO CREATE RAPID TRANSIT ALONG THE BASELINE CORRIDOR.

I WANT TO THANK STAFF, Mr. MANCONI AND HIS TEAM, WHO WENT OFF ON VERY SHORT NOTICE AND DID A LOT OF HARD WORK IN A VERY SHARP PERIOD OF TIME AND CAME BACK WITH A PLAN, WHICH WOULD ALLOW US TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL STATION.

AT A COST WHICH COULD AND IS INCORPORATED INTO THE EXISTING BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT.

SO THERE WILL BE NO NEW MONEY ADDED TO THE PROJECT IF YOU APPROVE THIS TODAY.

BUT THE STATION WILL BE PAID FOR.

AND IMPACTS IN A VERY, VERY MINIMAL WAY AFTER OC TRANSPORT DID THE ANALYSIS ON THE OVERALL ENHANCEMENT TO THE RAPID COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT.

SO I THINK THAT THIS THEY DID AMAZING WORK THERE A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

[Please Stand By]

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT. I BELIEVE COUNCILOR CHIARELLI WILL SPEAK TO THE MATTER AS WELL AND IN A SIMILAR VEIN. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU. I KNOW YOU'VE PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO THIS PROMISE, ALONG WITH COUNCILOR CHIARELLI AS WELL, AND THOUGH I REALIZE -- I REALIZE I JUST WANTED TO -- AFTER HEARING THE COUNCILOR WHO CRAFTED THE MOTION AND WORKED WITH COUNCILOR CHIARELLI, WHOSE RESIDENTS ARE AFFECTED, AND PEOPLE LIKE MARJORIE AND OTHERS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND I'M NOT SURE WHO GONNA ANSWER MY ANSWER, BUT I'LL ADDRESS THE TREASURER. 2016, WE HEARD DEVELOPING CHARGE DIDN'T GENERATE WHO WAS EXPECTED, SO A LOT OF PROJECT FROM THE TMP WAS PUSHED DOWN, AND NOW I SEE WE ARE AUTHORIZING \$1.6 MILLION, SO... SO THIS PROJECT NOT BEEN IN THE TMP BEFORE. WHAT WOULD THAT LIKE? LIKE, IN OTHER WORDS, WITH WE QUEUE JUMPING HERE? WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING LAST YEAR TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT.

>> COUNCILOR, THIS THE BASELINE BRT PROJECT WHICH IS IN THE STUDY, AND THE BASELINE BRT IS FUNDED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION PORTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES. WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS THE ROADS PORTION.

>> MM-HMM.

>> I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE -- WELL, IN EARLY 2016, THE NUMBERS WEREN'T LOOKING PARTICULARLY GOOD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CHARGES. WE DID HAVE A BIT OF A SURGE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, AND SO THE ACCOUNTS ARE LOOKING BETTER THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED. SO, NUMBER 1, I DON'T ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE A -- THIS ISN'T A PROBLEM, BECAUSE THIS IS TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, AND WE'RE ACTUALLY AMENDING THE BYLAW VERY SHORTLY, WHICH IS EVEN GOING TO RAISE MORE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, SO... THAT'S ALL GOOD. BUT THE ROADS, WE'RE RELOOKING AT THE AMOUNT THAT THE PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES WITHIN THAT -- NOT THE PRIORITIES, BUT HOW FAST THEY'RE ADVANCING BASED ON WHAT WE'RE SEEING FOR THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES WE'VE RECEIVED. BUT JUST AS A CAUTION FOR YOU, THOUGH, WE WILL BE REFLECTING IN THE -- AS WAS INDICATED, THE NEW BYLAW COME FORWARD FOR DEVELOPMENT CHARGES WILL HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE OMB DECISION BE WHICH IS GOING TO CHEW UP SOME OF THOSE ROADS DCS, BECAUSE THEY'VE MADE DECISIONS ABOUT INTERSECTIONS. SO WE WERE RELOOKING AT THIS. THIS DOES NOT IMPACT THE DECISION ABOUT THE ADVANCEMENT OF ROADS PROJECTS, THOUGH.

>> OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, YOUR WORSHIP. I WANTED TO THANK MARJORIE, WHO SOME OF YOU MAY RECOGNIZE WAS CHOSEN AS ONTARIO SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND RECEIVED A PRESENTATION HERE JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO. MARJORIE AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS -- IN THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ASPECT OF THIS PROJECT FOR OVER TWO YEARS, AND IT'S RESULTED IN A LOT OF MEETINGS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. LARGE AND SMALL. AND EVOKED A LOT OF REACTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ON BOTH THE ISSUE OF EXPROPRIATION, WHERE I THINK WE FOUND A PRETTY GOOD SOLUTION TO THAT AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING AND GOING FORWARD, IT'LL BE HANDLED THAT WAY. BUT THEN ON THE ISSUE OF SENIORS USING THE BRT, IF YOU LOOK AT THE LENGTH OF THE BRT, THE ONLY PLACE ON THAT -- IN THAT CORRIDOR WHERE YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF BULB OF -- BOTH ON THE NORTH SIDE AND SOUTH SIDE OF BASELINE, OF RESIDENCES THAT ARE OCCUPIED BY MAJORITY SENIOR CITIZENS, IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE YOU HAVE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF SENIORS WHO, BY VIRTUE OF LOSING ALL THE STOPS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED WOULD BE STUCK WITH AN ADDITIONAL -- UP TO 250 METRES OF ADDITIONAL WALKING DISTANCE TO GET TO TRANSIT. AND MANY OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE MOBILITY CHALLENGES. MANY OF THEM DON'T FEEL SAFE WALKING THAT MUCH EXTRA DISTANCE IN THE MIDDLE OF ICY WINTER. AND SO THEY CAME AND THEY SAID WE THINK YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE OVERREDUCTION OF BUS STOP ACCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO, THE COMMUNITY TO THE NORTH OF BASE "LINE, COPELAND PARK AND PART OF BELAIRE, SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SENIORS, AND TO THE SOUTH OF BASELINE IN CITY VIEW, SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SENIORS. ALL OF THEM WANTING TO HAVE THE BEST ACCESS THEY CAN TO TRANSIT AND MANY OF THEM SAYING THEY JUST

WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE IT IF THEY HAVE TO WALK AN ADDITIONAL TWO AND A HALF FOOTBALL FIELDS JUST TO GET TO THE STOP. AND WE DID HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SAY, YOU KNOW, IS IT REALLY RAPID TRANSIT FOR US IF THE BUS GETS THERE 11 MINUTES FASTER BUT IF WE GET THERE THREE OR FOUR MINUTES SLOWER? SO THAT THE WALKING TIME INCREASED BY MORE THAN WHAT THEY WOULD SAVE BY THE RAPID TRANSIT IF WE DON'T DO THIS. BUT BY DOING THIS, WE CUT THAT EXTRA WALKING TIME SIGNIFICANTLY AND WE ALLOW THOUSANDS OF MORE SENIORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO READILY USE THE NEW BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM. AND THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO DO THE WHOLE LENGTH OF THE CORRIDOR. IT'S ONLY THIS ONE AREA THAT HAS THE HUGE COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTH AND THE HUGE COMMUNITY ON THE NORTH FOCUSED AROUND THE SAME AREA AND THE SAME KIND OF BUBBLE. AND THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE THAT WE NEED TO MAKE THIS ADDITION TO IMPROVE RIDERSHIP AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR SENIORS. SO, AS OUR SENIOR POPULATION INCREASES AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO AN OLDER ADULT PLAN THAT'S SUPPOSED TO SEE THESE THINGS THROUGH THE LENS OF SENIORS, I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES THAT WE APPLY THAT LENS AND DO THAT. AND IF WE DO, THEN THIS PROJECT IS GREAT NEWS FOR THE CITY. IT WILL SPEED UP CAR TRAFFIC SIGNIFICANTLY, AS CARS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO WAIT BEHIND BUSES AND BIKES IN THE RIGHT-HAND LANE. IT WILL PROVIDE SAFE CYCLING TO CYCLISTS AND SAFE PEDESTRIAN WALKING TO PEDESTRIANS AND FASTER BUSES, SO IT'S ALL GOOD NEWS UNLESS WE DON'T PASS THIS, BECAUSE PASSING THIS WILL MAKE IT GOOD NEWS FOR THE SENIORS WHO LIVE THERE AS WELL. SO, OF COURSE, I'M URGING EVERYBODY TO DO THAT.

>> THANKS, COUNCILOR. COUNCILOR BROCKINGTON, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, YOUR WORSHIP. I CERTAINLY AM SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION BEFORE US, THE MAIN MOTION AND THE OTHER MOTION THAT THE COUNCILORS ARE PROPOSING, AND I DO BELIEVE IT'S BEEN ARTICULATED WELL THE CONCERNS THAT WE HEARD AT COMMITTEE AND THAT WE JUST HEARD COUNCILOR CHIARELLI REPEAT AND REINFORCE WITH US AT THIS TIME. TO OUR STAFF... WITH THE ADDITION OF THIS NEW PROPOSED STOP, WOULD WE STILL NEED A STOP ABOUT 220 METRES TO THE EAST RIGHT AT CLYDE AND BASELINE, OR IS STAFF CONSIDERING THE ELIMINATION OF THAT STOP?

>> WE WOULD KEEP BOTH STOPS.

>> AND WHY WOULD WE NEED TWO SO CLOSE TOGETHER DURING A RAPID CORRIDOR? WHY NOT KEEP THE NEW ONE THAT'S BEING PROPOSED AND SHED THE ONE THAT'S JUST TO THE EAST?

>> MR. MAYOR, I'LL ASK MY COLLEAGUE TO WALK YOU THROUGH THAT.

>> MR. MAYOR... THE -- WE LOOKED AT SUBSTITUTING STATIONS IN ORDER TO PUT ST. HELL AN'S PLACE STATION IN, BUT TAKING OUT CLYDE AND BASELINE

STATION, THERE'S A LOT OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE EAST OF THAT AND SO THAT PEOPLE ARE DESTINED TO THAT AREA AS WELL, IF THEY'RE MAKING MOVEMENTS TO THAT AREA. WE ALSO LOOKED AT SUBSTITUTING THE STATION TO THE WEST OF ST. HELEN'S AT ERINDALE, AND AGAIN, THAT MAKES A VERY TREMENDOUSLY LONG WALK FOR RESIDENTS TO THE WEST OF THAT. SO WE FELT THAT ALL THREE STATIONS NEED TO BE IN.

>> I APPRECIATE THE ANSWER. THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, THOUGH, HAD NO STOP AT ST. HELEN'S PLACE, AND STAFF WERE OKAY WITH MAKING SENIORS WALK THOSE 220 METRES FROM THEIR RESIDENCE TO THE INTERSECTION TO GET ON THE BUS. NOW WE'RE ALLEVIATING THAT CONCERN BY MOVING FORWARD A STATION BY THEIR RESIDENCE, WHICH I SUPPORT, BUT, AGAIN, I -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT TWO STATIONS IN SUCH CLOSE PROXIMITY TOGETHER ARE NEEDED, SO I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT THERE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS CORRIDOR, THIS BASELINE CORRIDOR IN TOTAL. WE CERTAINLY HAVE ONLY ONE MAIN PUBLIC TRANSIT EAST-WEST CORRIDOR IN THE CITY AND THAT'S THE CURRENT TRANSITWAY, TO BE REPLACED BY THE LRT NEXT YEAR, AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND EMPLOYMENT NODES ALONG THE BASELINE CORRIDOR, IT MAKES STRONG SENSE THAT WE WOULD AMPLIFY THE PUBLIC TRANSIT CORRIDOR IN THIS AREA. I'VE BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THIS FROM DAY 1. THERE'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS CORRIDOR, AND IF WHEN YOU LOOK AT EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS GOING FORWARD AGAIN THIS, THE INNER CENTRAL PART OF OTTAWA CONTINUES TO GROW, SO, AGAIN, THE NEED FOR A BASELINE CORRIDOR ONLY INCREASES. AGAIN, I'LL JUST RAISE AN ISSUE THAT I'VE BEEN RAISING FOR A FEW YEARS NOW. THIS CORRIDOR DOES MINIMIZE THE IMPACT ON PRIVATE RIVER WARD PROPERTIES FOR EXPROPRIATION, WHICH I SINCERELY APPRECIATE. HOWEVER, THERE IS A NEED TO USE SMALL PORTION, VERY SMALL PORTION OF EXPERIMENTAL FARMLANDS, THE NORTH SIDE OF THIS CORRIDOR. AND THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ENGAGED WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL FARM THAT HAVE WRITTEN IN TO AGAIN SUPPORT THE CORRIDOR, BUT, AGAIN, RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT MORE PARCELS OF EXPERIMENTAL FARMLAND BEING USED. SO, AGAIN, I WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO MENTION THIS, THAT THIS CORRIDOR IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, JUST LIKE THE HOSPITAL IS. BUT, AGAIN, THERE ARE CONCERNS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT I THINK ARE VALID ABOUT THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE EXPERIMENTAL FARMLANDS WHEN PIECES ARE SNIPPED HERE AND THERE. BUT OVERALL, I DON'T WANT TO RAIN ON THE PARADE. I DO BELIEVE THE CORRIDOR IS VERY MUCH NEEDED AND WILL HELP MOVE PEOPLE ASK AND ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION THAT EXIST ON BASELINE NOW. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. DOES ANYONE ELSE WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM? COUNCILOR FLEURY? THIS IS ON BOTH THE AMENDMENT AND THE MAIN MOTION.

>> (SPEAKING FRENCH) I'M SORRY. I WAS ON THE LIST?

>> I WANT TO THANK OUR COLLEAGUE AND CHAIR OF TRANSITION COMMITTEE FOR WORKING ON THIS. THE COUNCILOR AND I HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT GOING -- ACTUALLY DATING BACK TO SOME OF THE LRT DISCUSSIONS WHICH ARE ABOUT RAPID TRANSIT AND SOME OF THE CONVERSATION WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST AROUND CARLING AND, YOU KNOW, THE IMPACT THAT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ON SHORTER TRANSIT ROUTE AND LOCAL IMPACT. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A -- THIS IS A STEP THAT'S REASONABLE. IT DOESN'T IMPACT THE RAPID TRANSIT COMPONENT OF THE BASELINE PROJECT.

>> SO, WE HAVE THE MOTION BY COUNCILOR EGLI, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CHIARELLI. CARRIED? ON THE MAIN REPORT AS AMENDED? CARRIED? THANK YOU. NEXT IS DISPOSITION OF ITEMS APPROVED BY COMMITTEES UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY. (SPEAKING FRENCH) RECEIVED. COUNCILOR HARDER HAS A MOTION TO WAIVE THE RULES AND RESOLVE TO GO IN-CAMERA. FOR A STAFFING MATTER ON WAIVING THE RULES. CARRIED. COUNCILOR HARDER.

>> BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. THIS IS MOVED BY MYSELF. BE SUSPENDED TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER ENTITLED "BILINGUALISM POLICY EXEMPTION". GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN-CAMERA. PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS. REPORTING OUTDATE UPON COUNCIL APPROVAL IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE APPOINTMENT IN A TIMELY MANNER. DO I NEED TO READ THE REST OF IT, MR. O'CONNOR?

>> WITH RESPECT, YES, PLEASE.

>> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CITY COUNCIL RESOLVE IN-CAMERA PURSUANT TO BYLAW PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING STAFF. AND 13-1-D, LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER ENTITLED "BBILINGUALISM POLICY EXEMPTION." GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT. IN-CAMERA. PERSONAL MATTERS ABOUT AN IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, LABOUR RELATIONS OR EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS. REPORTING OUTDATE UPON COUNCIL APPROVAL. AND SPECIFICALLY TO CONSIDER THE EXEMPTION REQUEST PURSUANT TO THE BILINGUALISM POLICY FOR THE POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

>> OKAY. SO, ON THE MOTION... CARRIED. SO, IT TAKES SOME TIME TO GET EVERYONE OUT AND THE SYSTEM SHUT DOWN FOR IN-CAMERA, AND I THINK WE'RE RIGHT AT THE LUNCH HOUR, SO I'M RECOMMENDING THAT WE COME

BACK AT QUARTER TO AND THAT GIVES YOU SOME TIME, PERHAPS, TO GO TO THE CAFETERIA. QUARTER TO. OKAY? SO WE'LL RECESS UNTIL QUARTER TO AND PLEASE COME BACK ON TIME, BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS IN-CAMERA ITEM. THANK YOU. [111]

>> -- PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S BILINGUALISM POLICY. DURING THE IN-CAMERA SESSION, NO VOTES WERE TAKEN OTHER THAN PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND DIRECTIONS TO STAFF. THE CITY'S MANAGER REPORT IS NOW BEFORE COUNCIL. THE WHITE COPY. IS THE RECOMMENDATION CARRIED? CARRIED. I'LL ASK OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO OFFER SOME WORDS AND ANNOUNCE OUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND I'D LIKE TO -- I'M GOING TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS. SO I'LL START WITH THE -- WITH THE FIRST ONE. (SPEAKING FRENCH) (VOICE OF TRANSLATOR): I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE STEVEN WILLIS HAS ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL. MR. WILLIS HAS A VAST EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. (END OF TRANSLATION) PROFESSIONAL AND ECONOMIST WITH MORE THAN 25 YEARS' EXPERIENCE THIS THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR, INCLUDING 15 YEARS AS V.P. AND PARTNER WITH MMM GROUP LTD.. AND MOST RECENTLY AS A SENIOR PRINCIPAL OF STAN TECK CONSULTING LTD.. (SPEAKING FRENCH) (VOICE OF TRANSLATOR): MR. WILLIS HAS OCCUPIED MANY POSITIONS IN OTTAWA, INCLUDING THAT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR PLANNING AT THE NCC. (END OF TRANSLATION) PHASE II DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL CALL PROCESS AND HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN COMPLETING THE WESTERN LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT ALIGNMENT AGREEMENT. MR. WILLIS IS RETURNING TO OUR ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS KIND OF A FUNNY ANECDOTAL CAREER, WHERE HE STARTED HIS CAREER AS A SUMMER STUDENT JOB PROGRAM BACK IN THE DAY IN THE MID-'80S WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA. THE CITY OF OTTAWA IS UNDERGOING UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH WITH NEW INNOVATION CENTRE, NEW CULTURAL LANDMARK FACILITIES, TO NAME A FEW. (SPEAKING FRENCH) (VOICE OF TRANSLATOR): I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL SHOW THE LEADERSHIP AND THE EXCEPTIONAL VISION THAT IS NEEDED IN THIS POSITION. (END OF TRANSLATION) START IN HIS NEW ROLE ON FEBRUARY 27TH, 2017 AND ON BEHALF OF OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, I'M VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME HIM TO OUR TEAM, AS I THINK HE'S GOING TO BE AN OUTSTANDING ADDITION TO MOVING OUR COUNCIL AGENDA FORWARD. THANK YOU, AND THE SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT I'D LIKE TO MAKE, MR. MAYOR, IS CONCERNING OUR DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES. (SPEAKING FRENCH) I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ANTHONY DUMONT E. (END OF TRANSLATION) EFFORTS THE CHIEF OF THE OTTAWA PARAMEDIC SERVICES THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COVERAGE TOWER NATION'S CAPITAL. HE'S ORIGINALLY FROM MONTREAL. FLUENTLY BILINGUAL, WHERE HE RAN BEGAN HIS CAREER AS HE AN ADVANCED CARE PARAMEDIC IN 1979 IN MONTREAL. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN E.M.S. FOR THE LAST 7 -- 37 YEARS, 70? 37 YEARS. HE'S NOT THAT OLD. AND HE STILL HAS HIS HAIR. AND HE HELD SEVERAL SENIOR

POSITIONS IN NUMEROUS E.M.S. SERVICES STARTING AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR OR UNDER GENT SANTE MONTREAL. IN 2001, HE BECAME THE FIRST CHIEF OF E.M.S. OF THE NEWLY AMALGAMATED CITY OF OTTAWA AND ONCE AGAIN COORDINATED AND IMPLEMENTED DELIVERY OF E.M.S. SERVICE FOR THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL. DURING HIS CAREER, HE HAS ALSO EARNED NUMEROUS COMMENDATION, INCLUDING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL IN 2002 AND HE WAS DECORATED BY THE MONTREAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR BRAVERY FOR HEROIC CONDUCT IN 1983. HE'S A VERY DEDICATED AND LONG-SERVING COLLEAGUE WHO'S RECOGNIZED FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF - - IN OTTAWA. AND I'M VERY PLEASED TO CONFIRM HIM AS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF EMERGENCY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES. THANK YOU. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY. [APPLAUSE]

>> OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF OUR NEW COLLEAGUES, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH MR. WILLIS AND CONTINUING THE WORK WITH MR. DUMONTE. MOTION TO ADOPT REPORTS? COUNCILOR WILKINSON, PLEASE. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MONETTE.

>> THAT THE REPORT BY OTTAWA COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION ENTITLED OTTAWA COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION CONFIRMATION OF RE-ELECTION OF CHAIR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS, REPEAL OF BYLAWS AND APPROVAL OF BYLAW 10. REPORT FROM THE OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ENTITLED CENTRAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. REPORT FROM THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE BOARD ENTITLED BOARD ACTIVITY TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT. REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL MANAGER ENTITLED BILINGUALISM POLICY EXEMPTION, GENERAL MANAGER OF PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN-CAMERA PERSONNEL MATTERS ABOUT THE IDENTIFIABLE INDIVIDUAL, LABOUR RELATIONS OR REPORTING NEGOTIATIONS OUTDATE. AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT 22. PLANNING COMMITTEE RECORD 38. A AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT 20 BE RECEIVED AND ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

>> CARRIED.

>> CARRIED. MOTIONS REQUIRING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.

>> CARRIED.

>> ARE THERE ANY? NO. NOTICES OF MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. COUNCILOR LEIPER? PLEASE...

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. AS THE COUNCILOR FOR CLOSING ROADS, WE'RE LOOKING AT SHUTTING DOWN ANOTHER ROAD IN BEAUTIFUL KITCHISSIPPI

WARD. STONE HURST IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FACILITY SETUP FOR WEST FEST. OTTAWA'S BEST INDEPENDENT FESTIVAL OF CANADIAN MUSIC.

>> ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. COUNCILOR BLAISE, NOTICE OF MOTION. COUNCILOR BLAISE?

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. IN 2016, THE CITY APPROVED THE 2016-2025 YEAR MUNICIPAL PLAN. THIS PLAN INCLUDES ADAPTATIONINGS FOR OC TRANSPOR SERVICE TO DO AUDIBLE ANNOUNCEMENTS, EXTERIOR AUDIBLE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CUSTOMERS HOAR HARD-OF-HEARING AND WE REQUIRE A CHANGE TO THE NOISE BYLAW TO MAKE THAT LEGAL.

>> OKAY. I DON'T -- ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION? FOR CONSIDERATION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING? NO? OKAY. MOTION TO INTRODUCE BYLAWS. (SPEAKING FRENCH) COUNCILOR WILKINSON, PLEASE. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR MONETTE.

>> THE BYLAWS LISTED ON THE AGENDA UNDER MOTION TO INTRODUCE BYLAWS, THREE READINGS BE READ AND PASSED.

>> CARRIED. CONFIRMATION BYLAW. COUNCILOR WILKINSON'S AND MONETTE, PLEASE.

>> THAT THE FOLLOW BYLAWS BE READ AND PASSED TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY THE 8TH, 2017.

>> CARRIED? WE HAVE TWO WRITTEN INQUIRIES. BOTH THE SAME SUBJECT. I DON'T KNOW IF ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL IS GOING TO SPEAK TO BOTH OF THEM. COUNCILOR -- (SPEAKING FRENCH)

>> SO, THE COUNCILOR AND I BOTH HAVE ISSUES WITH THE SAME TOPIC SO I'LL READ THE FIRST PORTION IS THERE'S A SECOND PORTION THAT THE OTHER COUNCILOR WILL READ. RODENTS ARE AN ANIMAL. WHERE INCREASINGLY HEARING OF RODENTS ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY RATS, IN PUBLIC PARKS AND ON THE STREET. SINCE THE CITY OF OTTAWA HAS TOOLS TO ADDRESS RODENT PROBLEMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THROUGH BYLAW SERVICE, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE CITY IS DOING TO RESOLVE COMMUNITY CONCERNS RELATING TO RODENTS IN THE PUBLIC REALM.

>> COUNCILOR HUBLE?

>> THE SECOND PART OF THAT INQUIRY IS IS THE CITY OF OTTAWA TRACKING THE RAT AND RODENT POPULATION, AND IF SO, ARE WE STILL SEEING A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE SINCE WE STOPPED USING PESTICIDES TO CONTROL THE POPULATION? IF THE CITY IS NOT TRACKING THE POPULATION, WOULD IT NOT BE BENEFICIAL FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO OBTAIN AN ESTIMATE ON THE POPULATION NUMBERS SUCH AS BY USING CAMERAS IN THE SEWERS IN ORDER TO HAVE A BENCHMARK FOR THE FUTURE? WE KNOW OTHER MUNICIPALITIES SUCH AS WINDSOR ARE LOOKING AT MUNICIPALLY-FUNDED

RAT CONTROLLED PROGRAMS. EDUCATION IS ALWAYS HELPFUL, BUT WHAT CONCRETE MEASURES CAN WE TAKE TO REDUCE THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RATS IN THE FUTURE? THANK YOU.

>> OKAY. THANK YOU. MADAM DEPUTY CLERK, ANY OTHER WRITTEN INQUIRIES? ADJOURNMENT. COUNCILOR WILKINSON, PLEASE.

>> THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8TH, 2017, BE ADJOURNED.

>> CARRIED? MEETING ADJOURNED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.