

4. PROPOSED PARKS CANADA CANAL FEES - RESOLUTION

**LES FRAIS POUR LE CANAL RIDEAU PROPOSÉS PAR PARCS CANADA
- RÉOLUTION**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1. Requests the Government of Canada and Parks Canada to immediately rescind the proposed Rideau Canal fees until a more acceptable proposal is presented.**
- 2. Requests an immediate meeting with the Minister of the Environment, Peter Kent to discuss this urgent matter which affects the economic viability of all 13 member municipalities on the Rideau Corridor**
- 3. Asks the MP's representing the Rideau Corridor to arrange for the requested meeting with Minister Kent.**
- 4. Directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Struthers, Mayor of Merrickville-Wolford to coordinate distribution.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil :

- 1. Demande au gouvernement du Canada et à Parcs Canada d'annuler immédiatement la proposition concernant les frais d'utilisation du canal Rideau, dans l'attente d'une proposition plus acceptable.**
- 2. Demande une rencontre immédiate avec le ministre de l'environnement Peter Kent pour discuter de cette question urgente, qui concerne la viabilité économique des 13 municipalités situées dans le corridor du canal Rideau et dont notre communauté fait partie.**
- 3. Demande aux députés fédéraux des circonscriptions situées dans le corridor du canal Rideau d'organiser la rencontre avec le ministre Kent.**

- 4. Demande qu'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à Doug Struthers maire de Merrickville-Wolford afin qu'il en coordonne la diffusion.**

DOCUMENTATION / DOCUMENTATION

1. Councillor Doug Thompson, dated 8 February 2013 (ACS2013-CMR-ARA-0001).
Rapport de Conseiller Doug Thompson, le 8 février 2013 (ACS2013-CMR-ARA-0001).
2. Extract of Draft Minutes, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, 7 February 2013.
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales, le 7 février 2013.

Report to/Rapport au :

Council / et au Conseil

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PARKS CANADA CANAL FEES - RESOLUTION

**OBJET : LES FRAIS POUR LE CANAL RIDEAU PROPOSÉS PAR PARCS
CANADA - RÉOLUTION**

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. Requests the Government of Canada and Parks Canada to immediately rescind the proposed Rideau Canal fees until a more acceptable proposal is presented.
2. Requests an immediate meeting with the Minister of the Environment, Peter Kent to discuss this urgent matter which affects the economic viability of all 13 member municipalities on the Rideau Corridor
3. Asks the MP's representing the Rideau Corridor to arrange for the requested meeting with Minister Kent.
4. Directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Struthers, Mayor of Merrickville-Wolford to coordinate distribution.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil :

1. Demande au gouvernement du Canada et à Parcs Canada d'annuler immédiatement la proposition concernant les frais d'utilisation du canal Rideau, dans l'attente d'une proposition plus acceptable.
2. Demande une rencontre immédiate avec le ministre de l'environnement Peter Kent pour discuter de cette question urgente, qui concerne la viabilité économique des 13 municipalités situées dans le corridor du canal Rideau et dont notre communauté fait partie.
3. Demande aux députés fédéraux des circonscriptions situées dans le corridor du canal Rideau d'organiser la rencontre avec le ministre Kent.
4. Demande qu'une copie de cette résolution soit transmise à Doug Struthers maire de Merrickville-Wolford afin qu'il en coordonne la diffusion.

BACKGROUND

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, at its meeting of 7 February 2013, approved the following motion added to the agenda pursuant to 84(3) of the Procedure By-law (being By-law no. 2006-462).

Whereas Parks Canada has proposed a new fee schedule for Parks Canada facilities across Canada

And whereas the proposed fee schedule significantly increases fees for lockage and other facility use on the Rideau Canal

And whereas the proposed fees will be detrimental to the financial viability of the communities, businesses and the objectives of the World Heritage Designation awarded to the Rideau Canal

Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Ottawa requests that the Government of Canada and Parks Canada immediately rescind the proposed Rideau Canal fees until a more acceptable proposal is presented; and

Be it further resolved as one of the 13 member municipalities on the Rideau Corridor, that we formally request an immediate meeting with the Minister of the Environment, Peter Kent to discuss this urgent matter which affects the economic viability of all of our communities; and

Be it further resolved that we ask the MP's representing the Rideau Corridor to arrange for the requested meeting with Minister Kent; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Struthers, Mayor of Merrickville-Wolford to coordinate distribution.

DISCUSSION

This item was introduced at the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee meeting of 7 February 2013 and carried with the support of all Committee members and staff.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

CONSULTATION

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Councillor Thompson represents the City of Ottawa in this endeavour on behalf of Mayor Watson and they are both aware and in favour of this resolution.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

DISPOSITION

Staff will implement Council's decision(s), as directed