AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT 28 13 FEBRUARY 2013 COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DES AFFAIRES RURALES RAPPORT 28 LE 13 FÉVRIER 2013

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 30 7 FEBRUARY 2013 COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DES AFFAIRES RURALES EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 30 LE 7 FEVRIER 2013

## PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED PARKS CANADA CANAL FEES - RESOLUTION ACS2013- CMR -ARA-0001

CITY WIDE

## Motion No. ARA 30/3

91

Moved by councillor S. Moffatt

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee approve the addition of this item for consideration by the Committee at today's meeting, pursuant to section 84 (3) of the procedure by-law.

## **CARRIED**

Chair Thompson stated that Mayor Watson was aware of this file and he had been asked by the Mayor to sit on the group of local Mayors and Councillors appealing to the Federal Government to review the hikes in Canal user fees.

## Motion No. ARA 30/4

Moved by Councillor S. Moffatt

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

COMITÉ DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DES AFFAIRES RURALES RAPPORT 28 LE 13 FÉVRIER 2013

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.

CARRIED