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October 26, 1992.

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Mr. Ted Pidgeon,
Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association,
399 Hamilton Ave., South,
Ottawa, Ontario.
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Re: Ottawa City Council - Parkland Dedication By-law for 45 Ruskin St.

Dear Sir:

Please find attached for your information, a report in which it is recommended that the property known municipally as 45 Ruskin Street (site plan included in report) be dedicated as park land.

The report will be presented to the Community Services and Operations Committee (C.S.O.C.) at its meeting of November 25th, 1992 and to City Council at its meeting of December 2nd, 1992.

If you have any questions regarding this report or the Committee and Council meetings, please contact Mr. David Dixon at 564-3073.


D.M. Gamble,
Commissioner of
Recreation & Culture

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c.c. Councillor Joan Wong,
Elmdale Ward

CITY OF OTTAWA/VILLE D'OTTAWA

From/De: Department of
Recreation and Culture

Ref.: ACS1992/1211-081 RC1D0314

Administrative Action
Exécution administrative

Date:
October 27, 1992

Ward/Quartier
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[1] Community Services and Operations
Committee/Comité des services
communautaires et des opérations

[2] City Council
Conseil municipal

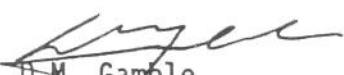
SUBJECT/OBJET

Parkland dedication By-law - 45 Ruskin Street.

Arrêté municipal sur la municipalisation des terrains à vocation de parc -
45, rue Ruskin. CSR1200/0104

RECOMMENDATION

That 45 Ruskin Street be APPROVED for park dedication and that the necessary
by-law be prepared for City Council ratification.


D.M. Gamble,
Commissioner of
Recreation and Culture.

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EXECUTIVE REPORT

REASONS BEHIND RECOMMENDATION

45 Ruskin Street is a city-owned property measuring approximately 2.87 acres. The site was acquired by the City of Ottawa for non payment of taxes in the 1930's. Records show that the site lay vacant until the late 1950's, when it was converted to a parking lot for use by the Ottawa Civic Hospital. There is no formal written agreement or lease in place between the City and the Hospital that governs the use or rental of the site.

In the Ottawa West Development Plan, which was approved by City Council on November 25, 1976, it was recommended that the Ruskin Street site be maintained as a "public use area". It was observed in the Plan that, whereas the site was

presently being used for surface parking by the Civic Hospital, "once this parking is no longer required the site should be developed as a park for municipal purposes."

Throughout the 1980's, the City took part in negotiations with the Ottawa Civic Hospital and the community to identify a timetable and acceptable options for relocating the parking lot and converting 45 Ruskin Street to municipal park land. While all parties were committed to these objectives no agreement was reached through these negotiations.

On May 27 and May 28, 1991, City Council reasserted its intent to return 45 Ruskin to parkland. The Ottawa West Key Principles section of the Draft Official Plan was amended to read as follows:

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

(These statements appear in Section 2.3.4.5 of the Ottawa West Key Principles in the approved Official Plan.)

In October 1991 City Council directed staff to initiate a process to develop a parking strategy for dealing with the relocation of the parking lot from 45 Ruskin. The working group that was established to deal with this task included representatives from the City, the Ottawa Civic Hospital and the Community. The Working Group and the Senior Management Committee, which also included representatives from the Ottawa Civic Hospital, reached a consensus in 1992 for the development of a new parking lot on a small part of the parkland and on Ruskin Street. This consensus did not obtain the support of the Board of Trustees of the Civic Hospital.

The purpose of this report is to begin a process that will conclude with the dedication of 45 Ruskin Street through a park land by-law. Approval of the report will initiate the first step in implementing a policy direction that was originally stated in the Ottawa West Development Plan and subsequently restated in the Official Plan.

IMPACTS

1. Approval of the recommendation will implement the policy direction established in the West Ottawa Development Plan (1976) and the new Official Plan, and will mark the initial step of City Council's incremental approach to converting 45 Ruskin Street to parkland by 1996.

2. 45 Ruskin Street is currently zoned P(x). The exception allows that a public parking area may be provided for the use of the Ottawa Civic Hospital as long as the land is used only for a surface parking lot.

The zoning of the site will not be affected by the dedication process. To meet City Council's 1996 deadline for converting the site to park land, city staff are meeting with the Hospital to identify options for relocating the existing parking spaces.

FINANCIAL COMMENT

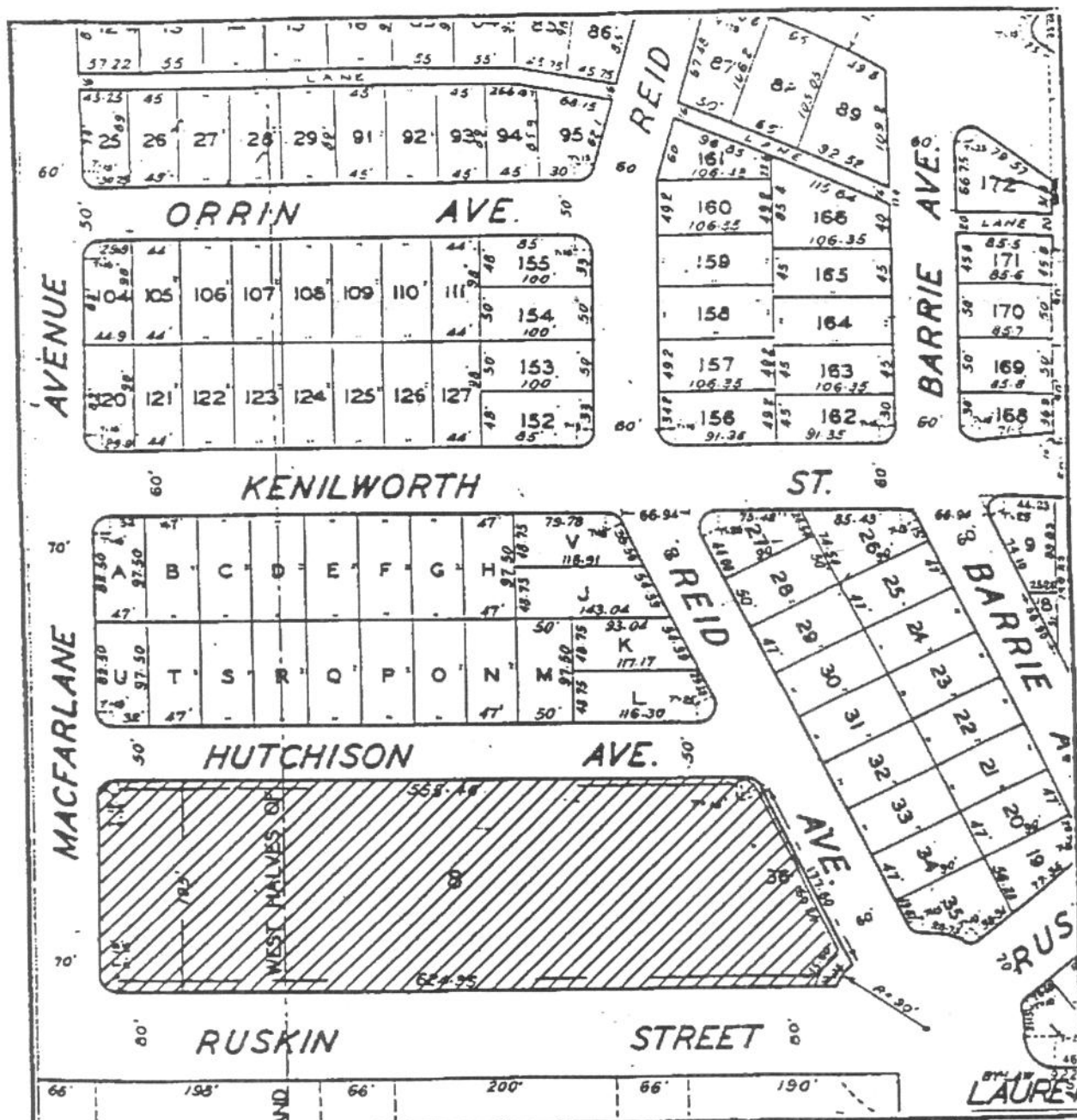
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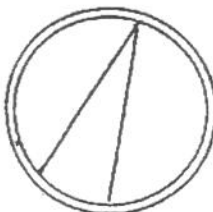

DISPOSITION

Legal Department to prepare a park land dedication by-law.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Document 1 - Site Plan - 45 Ruskin Street
- Document 2 - Compatibility with Public Participation Policy/Input from Other Departments or Other Government Agencies



 <p>DESCRIPTION: Plan 174464, Lot 8 Plan 233925, Lot 36</p>	 <p>City of Ottawa DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & PROPERTY PROPERTY BRANCH</p>	DATE: 29 Aug 92
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<p>ACRES: 2.87 SHEET PLAN: F-08</p>	<p>ROLL No. 074-001-59900</p>	<p>SCALE N. T. S.</p>
<p>45 Ruskin Street</p>	<p>CATEGORY Lands Occupied</p>	<p>R. E. No. 07-104</p>

COMPATIBILITY WITH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Document 2

The recommendation is implementing a policy direction that was established through the new Official Plan. An extensive public participation program was conducted as part of the Official Plan process and the public was provided ample opportunity to comment.

City staff are currently working with the Ottawa Civic Hospital to develop options for relocating the existing parking lot so that 45 Ruskin Street may be converted to park land in 1996 as directed in the Official Plan.

A copy of this report and advance notice of the Committee and Council meeting dates was forwarded to the Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association and the President and the Board of Trustees of the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

INPUT FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Ward Councillor has reviewed the report and concurs with the recommendation.

The report was circulated to the Department of Planning and Development and the Legal Department.