1ST REPORT OF THE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Meeting held on December 7, 2005, commencing at 12:22 p.m.

PRESENT: R. Sexsmith (Chair), T. McClenaghan, S. O’Neill, D. Szoller and S. Turner and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: T. Copeland and L. Orphan.

REGRETS: R. Challis.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. (11) That, the following actions be taken with respect to the Wastewater/Stormwater and Tertiary Treatment Management Plans and their relationship to the Current Budget:

   (a) the Wastewater and Treatment/Wastewater & Drainage Engineering Division BE COMMENDED for the excellent and comprehensive Plan that has been generated to correct the deficiencies in the current storm and wastewater management systems within this municipality;

   (b) a public alert system BE SET UP to advise the public when overflows and bypasses are occurring in the sanitary management systems and that outlet points BE SIGNED to provide a warning for the public on what may occur at a given point;

   (c) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to examine all possible sources of funding to contract the timelines in the current Plan by half; and

   (d) the tertiary treatment of sewage before discharge into the Thames River BE RE-EXAMINED and the 20-Year Sewer System Plan BE AMENDED to include the same.

2. (Added) That, a representative from the Industrial/Commercial/Institutional sector BE APPOINTED to the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) as a voting member; it being pointed out that the composition for the ACE voting members includes:

   “Three representatives of an environmental and/or private sector interest group, at least one of whom shall represent an environmental group, and one of whom shall represent the Industrial/Commercial/Institutional sector.”

3. (Added) That, the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) BE AMENDED to include a High School student representative as a voting member.

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4. (8) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) referred the attached communication dated November 7, 2005 from the Government of Canada, Fisheries and Oceans with respect to the legal listing of the “Black Redhorse” under the federal Species at Risk Act to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) for its information.

5. (9) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) heard a verbal presentation from S. O’Neill on his attendance at a community workshop in Guelph, Ontario with respect to European planning ideas being discussed in connection with Guelph’s “Community Energy Area Plan”; it being noted that the ACE requested S. O’Neill to notify its members via the Committee Secretary as to the next workshop on the aforementioned matter; it being further noted that the ACE requested D. Szoller to provide a summary of initiatives that would contribute to an Energy Area Plan at the next meeting of the ACE.
6. (10) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) deferred discussion of its Budget balance and its activities to its next meeting to be held on January 11, 2006.

7. (Added) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) requested the Committee Secretary to investigate the replacement of a representative from the University of Western Ontario.

8. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) elected S. Turner as its Chair and R. Sexsmith as its Vice Chair for the term ending November 30, 2006.

9. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) heard a verbal presentation from S. Turner with respect to his attendance at an Environmental Advisory Conference held in the Durham region; it being noted S. Turner referred the ACE members to pembina.org for their information.

10. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received and noted the following:

(a) (1, 2) the 9th and 10th Reports of the ACE from its meetings held on October 12, 2005 and November 18, 2005, respectively;

(b) (3) the 10th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) from its meeting held on October 20, 2005;

(c) (4) two communications dated November 4, 2005 from B. Page, Planner with respect to the draft and revised draft Terms of Reference for the Summerside Northeast Area Study;

(d) (5) a Member Update dated November 18, 2005 from the Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods with respect to the Town and Gown Association seeking members;

(e) (6) the Thames River/Creek Survey for the period of September to October 2005 from A. Van Rossum, Environmental Services Engineer; and

(f) (7) a communication from M. Lupp, SNC-Lavalin Engineers and Constructors and R. Todd, Wastewater and Drainage Engineering with respect to the Class Environmental Assessment (Master Plan) of the London Pollution Control Plant Discharge Strategy Notice of the 3rd Public Information Centre; and

(g) (12) a Notice of a Public Meeting before the Planning Committee dated December 1, 2005 from T. Grawey, Planner with respect to the Brownfield Incentives Official Plan Amendment and the Community Improvement Plan.

11. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment will hold its next meeting on January 11, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.