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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING INQUIRY NO. P & E - 6
 REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT SEWERS AND THE
 WASTEWATER OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Environment Committee receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

On 27 June 1995, at Planning and Environment Committee, Councillor Hume requested that staff advise in what context the department will be proposing to modify the definition of regional significant sewers as it related to its operational review.

The Wastewater System Operational Review Study assessed the operation and maintenance of the Regional Wastewater System and provided recommendations for improvement. It is also serving as a basis for the development of the Wastewater Master Plan.

The criteria to define Regionally Significant Works has been reviewed as part of the Water & Wastewater Master Plan. The review has considered operational issues, long term requirements, and the original assumption criteria that have defined regional wastewater works since 1969. The criteria are being developed in consultation with the area municipalities through an Inter-Municipal Working Group. Representation on this Working Group included senior area municipal staff.

The original assumption criteria identified the need for the Region to be responsible for large trunk sewers leading to the treatment works and for trunks that serviced more than one municipality. The proposed Regionally Significant Criteria, to be incorporated into the Master Plan document will enhance the original criteria by recognizing other issues that should be considered in maintaining the continuity of the Regional system and in optimizing system operation, performance and cost effectiveness.

These points, amongst others, will assist in optimizing our wastewater system in close co-operation with our municipal partners.

*Approved by D. Brousseau
on behalf of the
Environment and Transportation Commissioner*

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