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TO/DEST. Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Commissioner
Planning and Development Approvals Department

SUBJECT/OBJET **RESPONSE TO INQUIRY NUMBER PEC 1-98
DEVELOPMENT PLANS - "FRIENDS OF PETRIE ISLAND"**

INTRODUCTION

At the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of February 10, 1998, Councillor Munter requested that staff provide an information report outlining the department's intended action in response to the "Friends of Petrie Island's" letter dated January 26, 1998.

DISCUSSION

The Property Services Division was approached in the fall of 1997 by the "Friends of Petrie Island" and asked if we would allow the development of a picnic area in a section of the island formerly used by summer cottagers. After discussions with the Township of Cumberland, Mr. Alen Tweddle, Chairman of this group, was advised that we would lease an area of the island to the Township of Cumberland to be used as a park for a short-term period (one year). It was proposed that the Township of Cumberland would run this park in conjunction with the "Friends of Petrie Island". During discussions with both the Township and Mr. Tweddle, staff outlined a concern regarding the traffic generated by the existing sand-extraction business also located on the island. To alleviate these concerns, Mr. Tweddle proposed various actions that might be considered. In recent discussions between Mr. Tweddle, the Township of Cumberland and Mr. Jean Grandmaitre, owner of the sand-extraction business, it was agreed that speed limit and stop signs would be installed.

At the time the Region acquired Petrie Island in 1983, the aforementioned sand-extraction business occupied the easterly portion of the island. At the time of acquisition, we entered into a

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long-term lease for this business. This lease terminates in September, 1998. Mr. Grandmaitre has requested a lease extension.

Preliminary discussions with Mr. Grandmaitre indicate that an agreement will be reached for the continuation of his business for a period of 18 months. As part of these negotiations, Mr. Grandmaitre has agreed to work with the "Friends of Petrie Island" to ensure truck traffic to and from his business does not interfere with other users of the island.

Mr. Grandmaitre has been advised that we will entertain a lease as proposed provided the lease contains a 90-day cancellation clause should the property be required for Regional purposes.

As both leases are short-term, they do not require Committee's or Council's approval and therefore will not be the subject of a report.

The Planning and Development Approvals Department has agreed to participate with the Township of Cumberland in further planning for the Island (to consider, among other things, a marina proposal). Terms of reference for this study are being drafted by the Township. Regional participation is dependant on 1998 budget approval.

Approved by
N. Tunnacliffe, MCIP, R.P.P.

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