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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Director
 Water Environment Protection Division

SUBJECT/OBJET **TOWNSHIP OF CUMBERLAND - WASTEWATER
 PUMPING STATIONS, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Environment Committee recommend that Council approve the use of staff of the Region of Ottawa-Carleton to perform operation and maintenance activities, on a cost-recovery basis, for the five wastewater pumping stations and associated forcemains of the Township of Cumberland.

BACKGROUND

In January 2000, the Township of Cumberland approached the Environment and Transportation Department to discuss opportunities with respect to the operation and maintenance of their five wastewater pumping stations and associated forcemains. At that time, the Township of Cumberland was considering contracting for external services for the delivery of the operation and maintenance requirements for these wastewater facilities

DISCUSSION

In light of the municipal reform and the upcoming amalgamation of the overall sewer system, the Township of Cumberland and the Region of Ottawa-Carleton entered into negotiations to facilitate the integration of the operation and maintenance of these wastewater facilities during the year 2000 with the objective of ensuring a smooth transition for 2001. Integrating these activities with the operation and

maintenance of the Region's facilities at this time will ensure an efficient delivery of services and will provide valuable experience to all parties for the future integration of all sewer systems in 2001.

With the assistance of the Legal Department, the parties have successfully negotiated the terms and conditions of an operation and maintenance agreement that recognizes the jurisdiction of both organizations while ensuring cost-effective and efficient delivery of services. The terms and conditions specifically address responsibilities for ordinary and for emergency activities, indemnification arising from claims, action and damages, payment terms, capital improvements, termination provisions and dispute resolution.

Staff within the Water Environment Protection Division have the required technical expertise and legislated operator certification in accordance with the *Ontario Water Resources Act* to assume the operation and maintenance of the subject facilities from the Township of Cumberland. In addition, existing operational procedures, maintenance plans and emergency response plans already exist for the type of activities to be performed. Although assuming this work will require a temporary staffing complement increase, all costs associated with resources and equipment usage attributed to the operation and maintenance of these facilities will be recovered by the Region and offset against Cumberland's purchased services budget. There will be no net cost increase to the Operating Budget through the provision of these services.

CONSULTATION

The operation and maintenance activities for the five wastewater pumping stations and associated forcemains will continue to meet the level of service standards established by the Township of Cumberland. Although public consultation activities have not taken place, approval of this agreement by the Council of the Township of Cumberland is also required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with the delivery of these operation and maintenance activities will be recovered from the Township of Cumberland. It is expected that the experience gained in integrating these services at this time will be used effectively as part of the transition to a single sewer system.

Approved by
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