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DATE 7 June 1999

TO/DEST. Community Services Committee

FROM/EXP. Committee Co-ordinator

SUBJECT/OBJET **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Services Committee recommend Council approve the process described in the report dated 20 Jan 99 from the Planning and Development Approvals Commissioner.

BACKGROUND

Councillor D. Holmes has requested that the attached report be considered by the Community Services Committee.

M. J. Beauregard

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DATE 20 January 1999

TO/DEST. Coordinator
 Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP. Commissioner
 Planning and Development Approvals Department

SUBJECT/OBJET **CIRCULATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY
 GROUP**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That Planning and Environment Committee recommend Council receive this report for information.

PURPOSE

The Environmental Health Advisory Group has requested that they have the opportunity to comment on regional reports with environmental significance. This report outlines those reports from the Planning and Development Approvals Department that fall within this category and could be made available to the Advisory Group. The list could be reviewed from time to time to ensure that it is still relevant.

DISCUSSION

The Environmental Health Advisory Group was established by Regional Council in 1998 to advise on environmental health matters referred to it. Council approved Terms of Reference of this Group are attached as Annex A to this report. In order to assist the Group in achieving its mandate, the Planning and Development Approvals Department proposes to circulate the following to them:

- 1. Development Applications**
 - a) Add EHAG to circulation list for plan of subdivision applications (10 to 15 per year) - prescribed response time.
 - b) Circulate (for information) major Local Official Plan Amendments and Site Plans or those that could have environmental implications (eg -when they are in

environmental designations). Since the turn around time is very short - EHAG would have to respond directly to local municipality.

2. Regional Official Plan Amendments

Add EHAG to circulation list for Regional Official Plan Amendment applications (5 to 10 per year) - prescribed response time.

3. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Circulate to EHAG any reports relating to proposed programs and other recommendations for corporate or community initiatives.

4. Watershed Strategies

- a) Circulate draft policies and Watershed Plans done under Section 5.3.1 of the ROP.
- b) Circulate draft policies/initiatives related to erosion and sediment control, enhancement of stream corridors etc.

5. Groundwater Strategies

Circulate reports in draft form emanating from working groups on various aspects of Strategies to Protect Groundwater.

6. Transportation Policies

Circulate in draft form any draft policies/strategies/study terms of reference related to transportation demand management (to promote walking, cycling, public transit) as they arise from time to time.

7. Land Use Planning Initiatives

- a) Design with Nature Recognition Program (the Regional Official Plan suggests this sort of program. If it is implemented, the EHAG could be involved)
- b) Provide opportunity to review terms of reference for any initiatives on 'State of the Environment' reporting
- c) involve early in any major initiatives to enhance/implement environmental policies in parts of Section 5 of the Regional Official Plan. (Guidelines etc)

This list can be reviewed from time to time to ensure completeness and to evaluate the effectiveness of the input.

CONSULTATION

There has been no public consultation on this report. However, the consequence of involving the Environmental Health Advisory Group in these initiatives will be to enhance public input in the planning process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This initiative has no financial implications

*Approved by
N. Tunnacliffe, MCIP, RPP*

Attach. (1)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The mission of the Ottawa-Carleton Health Department is to promote health in the community through leadership, innovation, partnership and service.

The Environmental Health Advisory Group is established to provide the Region with policy advice and information issues that may affect the Regional Municipality.

In examining health issues, the group will be guided by the goal of the Health Hazard Investigation of the *Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act* (attached). The definition of "health hazards" will be used as defined in the *Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act* and including biological, physical, and chemical agents, natural or manmade. Health hazard means: a) a condition of a premises; b) a substance, thing, plant or animal other than man; c) a solid, liquid, gas or combination of any of them, that has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the health of any person.

MANDATE

To advise on matters referred to it.

To advise on effectiveness of policies and programs of the Region affecting public health and the natural environment.

To advise on the protection of public health through environmental measures.

To advise on private and governmental programs affecting public health and the natural environment.

To hold public meetings, solicit advice, and undertake research.

To review development applications and provide comments on these applications/studies as part of the standard circulation procedure.

COMPOSITION

11 residents of the RMOC

1 Regional Councillor

TERM

3 years, not more than 2 consecutive terms

REPORTS TO, MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDED BY

Community Services Committee

ADMINISTRATION

The staff support for the Environmental Health Advisory Group will be provided by the Regional Health Department.