

4TH REPORT OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Meeting held on March 7, 2012, commencing at 12:25 pm.

PRESENT: (Chair), M. Baetens (Acting Chair), R. Morely, S. O'Neill, D. Szoller, T. Zurbrigg, and J. Martin (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: T. Copeland, I. Kalsi, and J. Stanford.

REGRETS: C. Morningstar and S. Stanlake.

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| Role of MOE in Municipal Planning | 1. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) heard a verbal presentation from B. Armstrong, Regional Environmental Planner, Southwest Region, Ministry of the Environment (MOE), with respect to the role of the MOE in municipal planning matters. |
| Storm Water Management Sub-committee | 2. (A) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received the <u>attached</u> report, dated February 17, 2012, and heard verbal updates from M. Baetens, on behalf of the Storm Water Management Subcommittee. T. Copeland, Division Manager, also provided an update with respect to the Sherwood Forest public meeting regarding the proposed by-law to disconnect weeping tiles in order to protect homes from basement flooding. |
| Sifton Properties Ltd - 1551 Blackwell Blvd. | 3. (6) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) reviewed and received a Notice dated February 16, 2012 from A. MacLean, Senior Planner, with respect to an application submitted by Sifton Properties Limited, relating to the property located at 1551 Blackwell Blvd; it being noted that the ACE does not support the erosion of protected areas for the purpose of residential developments. |
| Green Roofs | 4. (7, 12) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received a communication, dated March 7, 2012, and report from D. Szoller, with respect to green roofs. |
| Strengthening Neighbourhoods – Community Environment Day Events | 5. (8) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received a communication, dated March 7, 2012, and heard a verbal update from D. Szoller with respect to incorporating community environment day events into the London Strengthening Neighborhoods Strategy. |
| Clearing of Land By-law | 6. (9) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) held a general discussion with respect to the proposed amendments to the Clearing of Land By-law; it being noted that the ACE set up a working group with respect to this matter. |
| ACE Status Report | 7. (11) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) reviewed and received the ACE status report dated March 7, 2012 from D. Szoller.

8. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received and noted the following: |
| 3rd Report of the ACE | (a) (1) the 3rd Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) from its meeting held on February 1, 2012; |
| 3rd Report of the TAC | (b) (2) the 3rd Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) from its meeting held on February 7, 2012; |
| 1st Report of the TFAC | (c) (3) the 1st Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee (TFAC) from its meeting held on January 25, 2012; |
| 2nd Report of the EEPAC | (d) (4) the 2nd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) from its meeting held on January 19, 2012; |

Disconnecting
Weeping Tiles
and Rain Water
Connections
from the
Sanitary Sewer
System

(e) (5) a Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held January 31, 2012, with respect to disconnecting weeping tiles and rain water connections from the sanitary sewer system; and,

Hydraulic
Fracturing

(f) (10) a communication, dated January 26, 2012, from C. Morningstar with respect to hydraulic fracturing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Report : Workgroup meeting on waste water management ,storm-sewer overflows and raw sewage spilling into the Thames river for the City of London.

Meeting was held on Feb 17 / 2012 at City Hall in meeting room three at 10 AM.

Present : Sabine Stanlake Ted Zurbrigg Maurice Baetens
Also Tom Copeland and John Brown from the City Engineering Department.

We considered present city position and Ace's suggested approach as per motion at the Ace's meeting January 2012. ...and agreed not to push this any further at this time . The notion to involve the Ministry of the Environment was also referred to a later date if necessary and prove to be usefull.

The present documentation and or reports available from the City and fully in support of the City of London 's strategic Plan (i.e. page 15 and subsequently page 17) are not only very good and commendable but demand ACE's full support .

The help available from City personnel is excellent and should prove to be successful The end goal of the Workgroup is to set some goals ,with the help of the City, which will tie us in with our mandate and the Environment , and will ask for ACE approval and recommendation to Counsel.

The Workgroup approves the City's method and approach to the Citizens of London ,the City's promotion and documentation ...letters of communication and available information sent to the owners involved.It provides good education and an explanation why this is required.

All this and ,based on our discussions ,tie in with The City's Strategic plan for 2011 --- 2014 ,

Page 15 and 17 providing goals and objectives with several strategic points.

The conclusion is that this would fit in directly with the Workgroup proposed goals , not finalized as yet, and hopefully ACE's goal and recommendations

Some of the goals being considered:

- 1 Support present Grant program provided by the City .
- 2 Make a direct connection resulting in significant reduction and possible near elimination of sewage spilling into the River Thames
- 3 Reducing or elimination of basement flooding in the City going about it piecemeal area by area based on severity .
- 4 If there is a need for improved grants ,this to happen without extra burdens to the citizen of London and the need for further imposing by-laws.

The workgroup has another meeting scheduled on March 9 at City Hall at 10 AM boardroom 3

On the agenda ; further discussion on available material , data and documentation provided by the City.

Discussion on feedback of the ACE's meeting from March 7th 2012 and the finalizing of our recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 12 30 PM