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EXTRACT OF DRAFT
ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
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EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 14 DU
COMITÉ DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET
DE LA PROTECTION CLIMATIQUE
LE 20 JUIN 2017

BASELINE WOODROFFE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POND
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE DE PORTÉE GÉNÉRALE DU BASSIN
DE GESTION DES EAUX PLUVIALES SITUÉ À L'ANGLE BASELINE-
WOODROFFE

ACS2017-PIE-IS-0006

COLLEGE (8) / COLLÈGE (8)

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment and Climate Protection Committee recommend Council approve the results of the Class Environmental Assessment Study for the Baseline Woodroffe stormwater management pond as detailed in Document 1 and direct staff to proceed with posting the Notice of Study Completion for a 30-day public review period in accordance with the *Ontario Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule "B"* process.

At the outset, the Committee received a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation overview of the report from Mr. Kelly Martin, Manager, Asset Management Branch, Infrastructure Services (IS), Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development Department (PIEDD). A copy of this presentation is held on file with the City Clerk. Mr. Alain Gonthier, Director, IS, PIEDD, and Ms. Darlene Conway, Senior Project Manager, IS, PIEDD, were also present to respond to questions. Knoxdale-Merivale Ward Councillor Keith Egli was also present for the discussion of this item.

The Committee then heard from the following individuals/groups, who spoke in opposition to the report recommendation:

- Mr. Mathias Wuhr*

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- Ms. Maria DeFalco*, Chair, Stormwater Committee, Bel Air Community Association
 - Dr. Morley Brownstein, Bel Air Community Association

Written correspondence in opposition to the report recommendation was also received from the following individuals:

- Mr. Frank Boyaner*
- Ms. Jean Mullan*

[* *Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Public comments touched upon, but were not limited to: excessive costs for a project with unproven benefits; inadequate water flow to justify such a project or, alternately, the potential for mosquito proliferation; safety concerns for children and others due to accumulated toxins and intrusion into an existing community; the potential destruction of an existing ecosystem and Federally-protected green space, confusion and a lack of clarity as to the reasons for which the project had been undertaken; a lack of consideration of alternative options, and; inadequate community notification, consultation and communication overall.

Staff explained the project's relationship to the Ottawa River Action Plan (ORAP) and Stage 2 Light Rail Transit (LRT) and the Committee also heard from Messrs. John Manconi, General Manager, Transportation Services Department (TSD) and Chris Swail, Director, O-Train Planning, TSD. Mr. Swail further explained that effective stormwater management was a key condition for National Capital Commission (NCC) approval for the LRT Stage 2 project to be allowed to proceed, as there is a need to remediate existing stormwater issues to improve stormwater management in the Pinecrest Creek Corridor and Pinecrest Creek.

Following Committee discussions, which touched upon points addressed by the delegations and in the staff presentation, the report recommendation was put

before Committee and was “Carried”, on a division of nine “YEAS” to one “NAY”, as outlined below. Directions to Staff were also provided as noted further below.

CARRIED, on a division of 9 YEAS and 1 NAY, as follows:

YEAS (9): Councillors R. Brockington, J. Cloutier, J. Leiper, C. McKenney, J. Mitic, S. Moffatt, M. Qaqish, M. Taylor, D. Chernushenko

NAYS (1): Councillor R. Chiarelli

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:

That, prior to this matter being considered by Council at its meeting of Wednesday, 28 June 2017, staff respond, via memorandum to all members of Council to:

- 1) Provide a breakdown of:
 - the options that were considered, in addition to the one being recommended;
 - what costs were associated with each option, and;
 - the respective net benefit of each option on water quality at the point where the outflow reaches the Ottawa River.

- 2) Provide a clear explanation of the necessity for the recommended option, along with an explanation of steps that can be taken to mitigate its impacts on the immediate environment and adjacent neighbours.