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## **Public Utilities Department**

### **Division of Wastewater**

## **Memo**

**To:** Mayor James Kalb  
**From:** Director of Wastewater  
**CC:** File  
**Date:** 28 November 2005  
**Re:** Bob Mollette's letter dated, 10/24/05, re: City Improvements and SOMC expansion plans

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I spoke with Randy Amett of SOMC about the issues raised in Councilman Mollette's letter. The architects for the expansion project have been chosen. They are Tanner and Stone of Portsmouth and URS Consultants of Columbus. URS will also be doing the civil engineering (i.e., drainage design). However these consultants are not under contract yet and no work has been started.

I spoke with Mark Tanner, David Stone and Ralph Bussey of Tanner and Stone. They stated that Tanner and Stone was not involved in the recent hospital projects, but for the upcoming project they intend to work very closely with the City to avoid possible future problems, by taking the following steps:

1. Tanner and Stone has acquired the City's 2001 Stormwater Regulations and forwarded a copy to URS Consultants. They explained to URS that the stormwater issue is critical and is to be a priority.
2. Tanner and Stone intends to develop a "Preliminary Drainage Plan" for the project to be submitted to the Engineering and Wastewater Departments. This Preliminary Drainage Plan will be followed for all later design work.
3. Tanner and Stone hopes to work very closely with the appropriate City personnel. They feel that the fact that they are local, unlike the previous designers, will help to ensure that drainage issues will be handled correctly.

In addition I will be meeting with Stilson Consulting Group to continue work on the City's Long Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflows. This plan should also address the SOMC/Grandview area drainage issue.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Duncan".

Richard Duncan  
Director of Wastewater  
City of Portsmouth