

**Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council
April 18, 2013**

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Ellinor Williams, Chair, Halifax Watershed Advisory Board

DATE: March 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Lake Echo Watershed Servicing Study -- Final Report

ORIGIN

- Initiated by staff as background for future community planning
- Reviewed by Halifax Watershed Advisory Board, February 20, 2013 – Item 7.3

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 229 (1)(g) of the HRM Charter enables a Municipal Planning Strategy to require studies to be carried out prior to undertaking specified developments or developments in specified areas. This Study was initiated pursuant to Policy E-17 of the Regional Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The Halifax Watershed Advisory Board recommends that Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council:

1. Accept the Lake Echo Servicing Study as background for future community planning;
2. Proceed cautiously with development to avoid further degradation of Lake Echo;
3. Forward this report to Nova Scotia's Department of the Environment and Clean Nova Scotia in the event that there are programs or initiatives to support the aims and objectives of the report; and
4. Recommend to Regional Council that it reinstate, in the upcoming budget, the Lakes Water Quality Sampling Program in order to facilitate efforts to protect the water resources of the municipality.

ALTERNATIVES

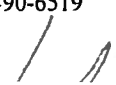
No alternatives were identified.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff Report dated January 23, 2013
2. Lake Echo Watershed Servicing Study – Final Report dated November 20, 2012

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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