

## Extract of Val Williams' Email dated April 5, 2012 re: Update – “Brad’s Brook”

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"Brad's Brook" in the vicinity of the Vineyard Church (Sackville Drive and Millwood Drive Area) is located on private property. The erosion issue is related to watercourse alteration which is the responsibility of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment.

Please find attached a letter from Halifax Water to the North West Community Council (December 14, 2007) regarding issues associated with the watercourse in this area.

In the fall of 2009, Halifax Water facilitated a site meeting with the local Councillor, staff from Halifax Water, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), Nova Scotia Department of Environment (NSE), and some property owners from Kindling Avenue affected by the watercourse alteration. The outcome of the meeting was for NSE staff to investigate the watercourse alteration. Beyond actions associated with the watercourse, the matter is between private property owners. Halifax Water has no authority or responsibility related to the watercourse and private property drainage issues.

This matter should be directed to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment for resolution.

Regards,

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December 14, 2007

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**Re: Letter from Sackville Rivers Association**

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We are writing in response to your memo dated November 22, 2007, with respect to the above noted subject.

Your memo refers to a flooding issue at 5 Kindling Crescent, and the letter attached to your memo, from the Sackville Rivers Association, describes other related problems associated with the water course located on the lands behind 5 Kindling Crescent.

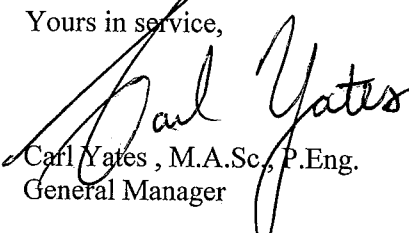
The flooding and related problems were discussed at a meeting on November 19, 2007, attended by Councillor Brad Johns, Denise Schofield and Mark McGonnell of Community Development of HRM, and John Sheppard and myself on behalf of Halifax Water.

Staff of both HRWC and HRM have investigated and it appears that the water course and the land on the adjacent property behind 5 Kindling Crescent has been significantly altered, and that these alterations are the primary cause of the flooding and other related problems. This watercourse alteration appears to have occurred several years ago and falls outside of the jurisdiction of both HRWC and HRM. We believe water course alteration issues are the primary responsibility of NS Environment and Labour.

Councillor Johns indicated that he would approach the owner of the property on which the water course is located. It was also agreed that, if necessary, Community Development staff would follow-up with the property owner regarding their responsibilities related to the infilling and alteration of their property.

Halifax Water appreciates the significant environmental impact caused by the alteration of the water course to the neighbourhood and the Sackville River downstream. Notwithstanding this situation, the flooding and other related problems were apparently caused by activities which are not under the jurisdiction or responsibility of Halifax Water, and accordingly, we are not in a position to resolve these issues.

Yours in service,

  
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General Manager

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Denise Schofield, Acting Manager, Community Development, HRM  
John Sheppard, Manager, Environmental Services, Halifax Water