

**Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee  
December 5, 2013**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
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Jane Fraser, Director, Planning & Infrastructure

**DATE:** October 26, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Stormwater Management Regulatory Framework Schedule

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

- April 16, 2013, Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
- October 6, 2011, Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee
- June 25, 2013, Regional Council
- October 22, 2013, Regional Council

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

HRM Charter, Power to make By-Laws, 188

## **BACKGROUND**

On October 22, 2013, Regional Council approved the following motion:

It is recommended that Regional Council direct staff to:

1. Prepare, for Public Hearing, a consolidated Regional Lot Grading By-Law based on the objectives outlined in this report;
2. Develop a Memorandum of Understanding on Erosion and Sedimentation Control with Halifax Water, Nova Scotia Environment, Clean Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia Homebuilders Association;
3. Continue to develop a Stormwater Management By-Law based on the objectives outlined in this report;
4. Develop a standardized Environmental Section template for consideration of objectives outside the scope of the Lot Grading By-Law or Stormwater Management By-Law for future secondary planning projects; and
5. Align the Streets By-Law to the Wastewater Rules and Regulations with respect to substances originating on private property, crossing the right-of-way and entering the storm system.

During Council discussion the schedule for the deliverables, particularly item 3 (Stormwater Management By-Law), was asked. Staff committed to update Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee.

## **DISCUSSION**

The anticipated schedule of the deliverables is as follows:

Item	Schedule	Resources
Lot Grading By-Law	Presented to Regional Council for First Reading before March 31, 2014	Planning & Infrastructure (P&I) Staff and Community & Recreation Services (CRS) Staff required to complete content; Legal Services Staff required to prepare legislation
Erosion & Sedimentation Control MOU	Presented to ESSC before March 31, 2014	P&I Staff, CRS Staff, and TPW Staff to participate in objective development with NS Environment and NS Homebuilders; Develop training/informational requirements with Clean Nova Scotia

Stormwater Management By-Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present content options to ESSC before June 30, 2014;</li><li>• Complete the required community engagement and preparation of Draft By-Law for first reading before December 31, 2014</li></ul>	Requires engagement with Regional Watershed Advisory Board (RWAB), Development Industry, and CRS and TPW staff to develop objectives and mechanisms for implementation; Consultant project required to assemble draft report based on engagement; Legal Services to draft Legislation
Standardized Environmental Section Model, Community Plans	Presented to ESSC before June 30, 2014	Engagement with RWAB, assembly of model section by P&I and CRS staff
Harmonized Streets By-Law	Prepared for Regional Council before June 30, 2014	Recommendation of By-Law Changes by P&I and CRS staff; By-Law revision by Legal Services

It should be noted that this project schedule is subject to the approved priorities and direction from Regional Council and the 2014/15 Budget. The Stormwater Management By-Law, Harmonized Streets By-Law, and the Standardized Environmental Section Model for Community Plans, are projected 2014/15 work and consistent with current policy development volume and capacity for Energy & Environment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no impacts to the 2013/14 Operating or Project Budgets from the schedule update on this report.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

All of the regulatory deliverables have community engagement components associated with them, as articulated in the October 22, 2013, report to Regional Council.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

This policy work has implications on stormwater quantity (flooding) and water quality.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None

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