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MEMORANDUM

TO: Halifax Watershed Advisory Board

FROM: Paul Morgan

DATE: June 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Status Update – Integrated Lot Grading By-law

A status update was requested by the Board at the May 16, 2012 meeting.

The Regional Plan directs that the Municipality is to prepare a Stormwater Management Functional Plan which, among other matters is to address:

- Methods to reduce increased stormwater flows caused by development;
- Reducing site disturbance and impervious surfaces in new development;
- Methods of reducing sediments and contaminants being discharged into watercourses;
- Applying emerging technologies to improve the performance of stormwater management systems; and
- Establishing best management practices and criteria for the quantity and quality of stormwater discharge.

As a component of this functional plan, staff will be proposing that a stormwater management and lot grading by-law be prepared to replace the existing lot grading by-laws. In addition to regulating lot grading to prevent flooding of development, the by-law would also seek to address on site stormwater quantity and quality issues.

A discussion paper and work plan is currently being prepared for review by the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

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