

Committee of Council Reform

First meeting
Standing Committee on Environment &
Sustainability

HALIFAX
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Standing Committee Structure

Regional Council

Ad/Hoc
Task Forces
of Council

Administrative Committee

**Environment
& Sustainability**

Appeals Committee

Audit & Finance

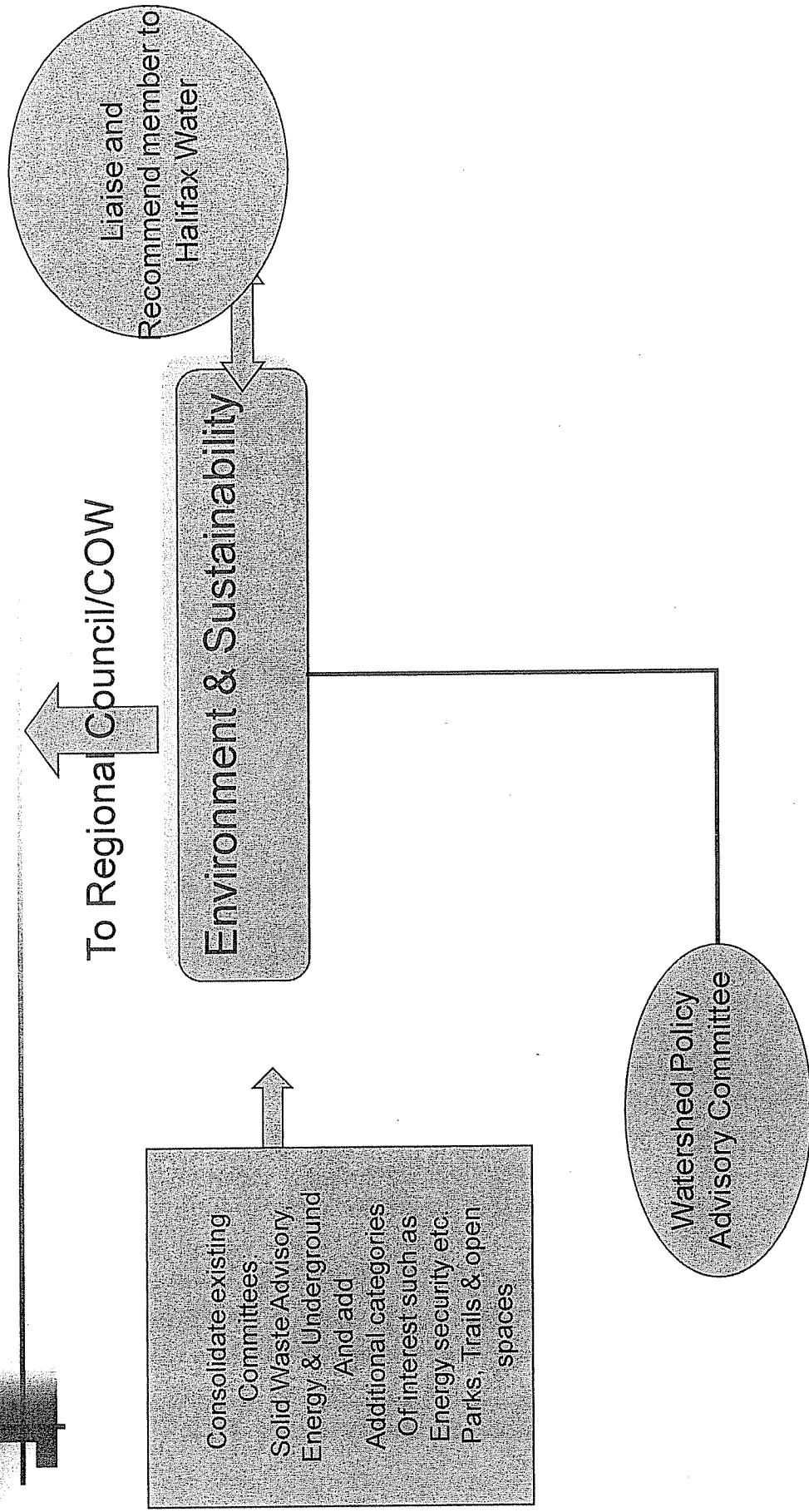
Transportation

**Community Planning
& Economic
Development**

Benefits

- Focus Council, staff & citizen's efforts
- Create synergies of effort – with related external agencies and within HRM
- Builds expertise in particular areas of interest
- Able to address Council's focus areas
- Intended to enhance the ways in which Council & Standing Committees obtain community and stakeholder input
 - Advisory/sub committees as required
 - Direct public/stakeholder consultation to Standing Committees
- More structure agendas & reports
- Greater staff support will be required (from all business units) to support Standing Committee of Council
 - Directors – Phil Townsend/Mary Ellen Donovan (advisory)
 - Senior Staff - Gord Helm, Solid Waste Resource Management; Richard McLellan, SEMO; Robert Orr, TPW
 - Clerks Office – Krista Tidgwell, LA

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To Regional Council/COW

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Liaise and Recommend member to Halifax Water

Watershed Policy Advisory Committee



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Consolidates

- Solid Waste Advisory
- Energy & Underground Committee

New mandate

- Focus on issues relevant to HRM's commitment to the environment & sustainability – including energy choice & sustainability, Parks & Open Spaces, Water Resource management issues.

- Liaison with Halifax Water & Energy Service providers

- Draft Terms of Reference (to be circulated)

Terms of Reference (TOR)

To recommend to Council directions to support HRM's commitment to the environment & sustainability

- Membership: eight (8) Councillors
- One from each Community Council (6) and two (2) At-large
- Chair & Vice chair –elected annually
- Advisory Subcommittees can include citizens and stakeholder groups as applicable to an issue or initiative