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## BRIEFING FORM

**SUBMITTED TO:** Environment and Sustainability Committee

**MANAGER'S APPROVAL:**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** January 6, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Provincial Pesticide Regulations

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### **ORIGIN**

Staff

### **RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION REQUIRED**

(NONE REQUIRED IN THIS CASE, INFORMATION ONLY)

### **BACKGROUND**

In December, the Province of Nova Scotia responded to a UNSM resolution and announced the new Regulations for the Sale of Pesticides.

Staff has an information report going to Regional Council on January 11, 2011 informing that Staff will be bringing work to the Environment and Sustainability Committee for deliberation and policy direction. Staff submitted the report to FinTrack and Regional Council prior to understanding there was opportunity for agenda items with this committee on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this briefing report is to advise that staff intends, subject to contrary direction from Regional Council, on bringing a report to the committee in February.

## **ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

There is some contentiousness around possible avenues for the municipality to take in response to the Regulations. Taking time to properly examine the opportunity and answer the questions posed will reduce the contentiousness. There is no time pressure on HRM to act.

## **IMPACT/BENEFITS**

This will result in work for, and direction sought from, the Environment and Sustainability Committee over the next several months and year. The outcome is expected to enhance environmental protection.

## **COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES**

To be discussed when full report comes to Committee

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None

(The Regional Council report will be circulated as normal late Friday afternoon in the Council package)

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