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## BRIEFING FORM

**SUBMITTED TO:** Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

**DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**

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**DATE OF MEETING:** August 4, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Changes to the Nova Scotia Environment Act

### ORIGIN

Minister of Environment, Nova Scotia: July 22, 2011, Announcement of Review of NS Environment Act <http://www.gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20110722002>.

### BACKGROUND

The Environment Act is required to undergo a review every five years. The Proposed Review can be viewed at:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/dept/division.pcs.policy.environment.act.review.asp>

Due to the one month timeframe for comments, and scheduling of Regional Council and the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, staff is unable to make an informed and consolidated recommendation on areas of interest in the proposed changes and seek approval to submit any comments directly to Nova Scotia Environment.

Should the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee members have any comments on this Briefing Note, staff will forward concerns on to Nova Scotia Environment. Otherwise, staff will continue to communicate with Provincial staff as Committee provides direction on an issue by issue basis.

**ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

None identified

**IMPACT/BENEFITS**

None specifically identified

**COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES**

None specifically identified

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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