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## Item No. 11.3.3

| Request for Council's Consideration   |   |
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| Date of Council Meeting: November 18, 2014  |   |
| Subject: Dedicated Fund for Wastewater Treatment Upgrades required by Federal Regulations   |   |
| <b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> That Halifax Regional Council ask that Mayor Savage write a letter to Minister Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs, on behalf of Regional Council in support of the dedicated fund for wastewater treatment upgrades, highlighting the additional cost and requesting a dedicated fund. |   |
| <b>Reason:</b> Wastewater treatment upgrades required municipalities across Canada and a long-term dedic  | by federal regulations will be unaffordable for many cated federal fund is needed for these upgrades. |
| <b>Outcome Sought:</b> Letter sent from Mayor Savage to Minister Lebel in support of a dedicated fund for the cost of wastewater treatment upgrades that are required by federal regulations.   |   |
| Councillor: Russell Walker  | District 10   |



## **Dedicated Fund for Wastewater Treatment Upgrades Needed**

Wastewater treatment upgrades required by federal regulations will be unaffordable for many municipalities across Canada. FCM needs your assistance to tell the federal government that a long-term dedicated federal fund is needed for these upgrades.

Over the past several months, FCM has met with senior government officials regarding our concerns. We also addressed this issue in our pre-budget consultations with the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance.

It is important that key ministers and local Members of Parliament hear from you. They need to hear from the people on the ground keeping our water systems safe.

We are asking you to write to Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs highlighting this additional cost and to request a dedicated fund. Further, we are asking you to copy this letter to Finance Minister Joe Oliver, Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, the MP(s) in your municipalities and FCM.

We have included <u>a template letter</u> for your use.

Thank you.

Brock Carlton Chief Executive Officer

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