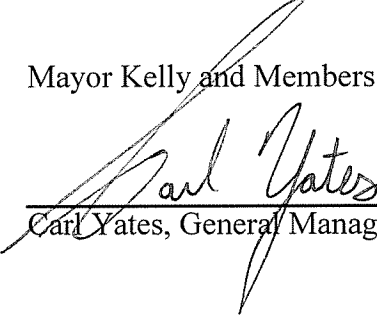


Halifax Regional Council  
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**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Carl Yates, General Manager, Halifax Regional Water Commission

**DATE:** February 28, 2006

**SUBJECT:** McPherson Road Water System, Fall River

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### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

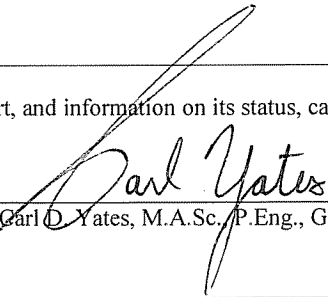
Regional Council motion of October 23, 2001.

#### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In mid 2000, at the request of Nova Scotia Environment and Labour (NSEL), HRWC was asked to look at the possible operation of a private water system located on McPherson Road in Fall River. This system consists of a small pumping station on private land that takes water out of a canal between Lake Fletcher and Lake Thomas, and supplies water to 18 customers including one commercial operation. HRWC staff met with the operator of the private system and discussed an operating contract for the water utility. The private operator declined the offer for HRWC to operate the system, and subsequently, NSEL put the water utility on a boil water advisory. Since that time, the NSEL has introduced even more stringent regulations, and it is anticipated that costs to operate this utility under the current regulations would be astronomical. If water service is extended to this area in the future as part of an amendment to the Municipal Planning Strategy, then it may be feasible to connect the residents to the Pockwock system. If a water service extension is not feasible, an alternative would be for the customers to utilize home treatment devices to produce safe drinking water.

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