



Halifax Regional Water Commission

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Western Region Community Council
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Attn: Councillor Stephen Adams,
Chair Western Region Community Council

Re: Transport of External Sewage Sludge to the Herring Cove Sewage Treatment Plant

Dear Mr. Adams:

We are writing in response to your letter of October 25, 2011 as a result of Western Region Community Council motions from their meeting of October 24, 2011.

To clarify, Halifax Water has the authority to decide where and when to transport sewage sludge from one wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) to another, subject to any approvals required from Nova Scotia Environment.

Halifax Water provides a regional wastewater service to customers across HRM and we make decisions regarding this service that are in the best interest collectively of all our customers. In this specific case, as indicated in our previous correspondence of October 21, 2011, we are currently having capacity and compliance issues at the AeroTech WWTF, and believe that treating sludge at Herring Cove WWTF will help alleviate the situation.

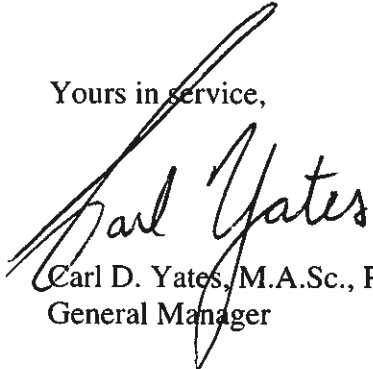
The decision to transport sewage sludge to the Herring Cove WWTF, as related to the pilot project, was made based on a thorough review of options and in direct response to Nova Scotia Environment directives. Permission has been granted by Nova Scotia Environment and the transport of the sludge will begin next week. Whether this will continue on a more permanent basis will depend upon the success of the pilot project.

As requested, Halifax Water will provide a status report on the pilot project to both the Herring Cove Advisory Steering Committee and the Western Region Community Council, in advance of the November 28th, 2011 meeting of the Community Council.

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We also wish to advise that Halifax Water did contact the Chair of the Steering Committee in advance of finalizing our plans to implement this pilot project. We will continue to respond in a timely fashion to all enquiries and requests for information with respect to this issue.

Yours in service,



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