

Item 9.2.1

Regional Watersheds Advisory Committee

c/o Clerk's Office, City Hall

Halifax Regional Municipality

P. O. Box 1749, Halifax NS

28 January, 2015

Coun. Jennifer Watts, Chairperson
and members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
c/o Clerk's Office, City Hall
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Dear Councillor Watts

The membership of the Regional Watersheds Advisory Committee has requested an opportunity to review the details of three issues which could have significant impact on the health of the watersheds in our Region. In Dartmouth, the weed problem in Lake Banook, and the possibility of daylighting Mill Creek are of concern to many residents. Third, the quality and quantity of water in lakes throughout the Region is to be tested and the results monitored. This project will need community oversight and input in order to be of greatest value.

To date, there has been a lot of public discussion on each topic but no opportunity for our membership to offer a sound professional airing of the details, options and the possible impact upon citizens in these watersheds. We feel that each of these timely subjects could perhaps benefit from a full discussion at our next meeting but our mandate requires that *the RWAB agenda include only items sent by the ESSC committee*.

Councillor Watts, we request that the ESSC refer each of these items to the RWAB for review of the documentation available and to report back on our discussions, including options for future action by the ESSC and by Regional Council.

In light of your meeting being next week and ours being the week after, we hope that the compressed timing will ensure that you can resolve to have us address these concerns in advance of significant decisions having to be made.

Sincerely

Original signed by

Allan Billard, Chairperson

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