



Halifax Community Plans -
Environmental Policy
Section Workplan for RWAB

Energy & Environment

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Agenda

- **Project Objective**
- **Genivar report overview**
- **Proposed Work Plan**
- **Sample Policy Category Review –
Central Services**



Project Objective

- **Origin: Request from ESSC (December 5, 2013) for review & provision of comments to staff**
- **Objective: Provide comments on selected policies for staff, to inform a Model Community Plan Environmental Section**
- **Clarification: This (Model Section) will inform ONLY NEW Secondary Plans, NOT existing Plans**



Genivar Report Overview - 1

- **27 policy categories (PCs) identified**
- **Environmental policies in current community plans are listed in p. 5-74**
- **Proposed policies for new secondary plans listed in p. 75-114**
- **13 of 27 fall within RWAB's mandate**
- **PCs outside mandate include: solid waste, pits & quarries, wind energy, climate change**



Genivar Report Overview - 2

Policy Category	Policy #s (total)	Page #s
Central Services	1-19 (19)	75-77
Potable Water	20-28 (9)	78, 79
On-Site Sewage	29-42 (14)	80, 81
Stormwater Management	43-57 (15)	82-84
Floodplain Protection	79-86 (8)	89, 90
Slopes	151-154 (4)	102
Regional Watersheds	58-61 (4)	85
Watercourse & Wetland Protection	62-76 (15)	86, 87
Salt Marshes	77, 78 (2)	88
Lake & Stream Protection	87-96 (10)	91-93
Coastal Lands/Shoreline +	97-103 (7)	94
Tree Management	37-42 (13)	100-101
Public Awareness	170-173 (4)	106



Proposed Work Plan

- **Of the 13 Policy Categories within RWAB's mandate, there are 124 separate proposed policies**
- **Board to review 20-30 policies per meeting, beginning in July**
- **Members to prepare for policy review by reading selected policies before each meeting**



Proposed Work Plan - 2

- **RWAB-relevant policies now in stand-alone document**

Proposed Community Plan Environmental Policies for RWAB Consideration 2014

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Proposed Work Plan - 3

Meeting Date	Topic (# Policies)
June	Reintroduce; discuss Work Plan
July	Central Services (19)
August	Potable Water, On-Site Sewage (23)
September	Stormwater Management, Floodplain Protection (23)
October	Slopes, Regional Watersheds, Watercourse & Wetland Protection (23)
November	Salt Marshes, Lake & Stream Protection, Coastal Lands / Shoreline (19)
December	Tree Management, Public Awareness (17)

Members are expected to review policies in preparation for each meeting, to allow for efficient consideration and timely project completion



Sample Policy Category Review - Central Services

19 Policies:

Policy E-1

It shall be the intention of Council to discourage both the expansion of existing privately operated systems and the construction of new central privately operated water and sewerage collection and treatment systems.

Policy E-2

Notwithstanding Policy E-1, mobile home parks and commercial recreation uses serviced by private central sewerage collection and treatment systems and/or water systems may be considered.

Policy E-3

It shall be the intention of Council to request the Department of the Environment to initiate the appropriate provincial legislation to establish requirements for licensing of all sewerage treatment plant operators.



Policy Review Guidance

- **Staff wants to know, for each Category and Policy:**
 - What do you like?
 - What do you dislike?
 - What's missing?
 - What suggestions do you have?

Thank You!