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## BRIEFING FORM

**SUBMITTED TO:** Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee

**MANAGER'S APPROVAL:** **Gord Helm**

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 3, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Update on response to CMC letter regarding the intentions for developing a plan to close the Otter Lake Landfill

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### ORIGIN

Motion from Council on January 11, 2011:

11.3.1 Public Consultation re: Closure of Otter Lake Landfill

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Lund that Halifax Regional Council give consideration to entering into discussions with the Community Monitoring Committee (CMC), as requested in their letter dated September 9, 2010 and staff provide a report outlining this process. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

**RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION REQUIRED** (NONE REQUIRED IN THIS CASE INFORMATION ONLY)

### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Monitoring Committee is a citizen led organization mandated to oversee HRM management and operation of the Otter Lake Landfill site and related policies and activities. HRM staff regularly meet with CMC and provide updates on operations and plans related to Otter Lake site A. As HRM moves forward with a technology assessment process to determine options and opportunity to evolve HRM's waste management program, CMC has requested involvement and discussions on that process.

Staff from several business units with HRM, including IAM and TPW, are meeting to develop a plan to draft a report in response to the letter's request. The first meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011.

**ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

N/A

**IMPACT/BENEFITS:**

None prior to development of the plan.

**COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

At the January 19, 2011, meeting of the CMC, HRM staff briefed the committee members on the plan for have the meeting to develop the plan and background for the report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**KEY STAFF CONTACT:** (Contact information)

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