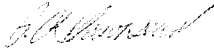




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## BRIEFING FORM

**SUBMITTED TO:** Environment and Sustainability Committee

**DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:** 

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

**SUBJECT:** **Internal Environmental Sustainability Education Efforts**

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### ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

### RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION REQUIRED

Staff is looking for deliberation and direction from the Committee on Internal Environmental Sustainability Education efforts for:

1. Members of the Environment and Sustainability Committee; and
2. Members of Regional Council.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Regional Council has been progressive on matters of Environmental Sustainability since amalgamation, with roots and support for the elements of sustainability coming from all previous separate municipal units.

In 2004, HRM partnered with The Natural Step to perform a Corporate Sustainability Analysis. Recommendations were distilled into three categories:

1. Greening the Corporate Culture;
2. Green Procurement; and
3. Green Buildings.

In 2010, HRM updated the Corporate Sustainability Analysis and Greening the Corporate Culture remains a priority ([http://www.halifax.ca/environment/documents/2010\\_CSA\\_final.pdf](http://www.halifax.ca/environment/documents/2010_CSA_final.pdf)).

The direction/input sought is related to how to support the Sustainability Education for Members of Committee and Regional Council. What training can I arrange to support members?

One item that, in discussions with Procurement, I would like to arrange is a lunch and learn session on Green Procurement. This would enable staff to share with members of the committee some of the successful approaches HRM has taken with Green Procurement.

## **ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS**

None

## **IMPACT/BENEFITS:**

Increased knowledge of key Community

## **COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

None identified

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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