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November 15, 2011

Jack Mitchell, Chair  
and Members of Community Monitoring Committee  
PO Box 213  
Lakeside, NS B3T 1M6

Dear Mr. Jack Mitchel, Chair and Members of CMC;

RE: Otter Lake Landfill - Site A

*This is a response to your letter dated September 9, 2011 requesting HRM Council instruct staff to commence negotiations with the society to determine the specific closure date and to define the consultation process with the community to examine options for the integration of the Otter Lake landfill lands to become an active portion of the wilderness park.*

*This is to confirm that as resolved by Council motion on 8 March and again on 20 September, 2011, staff have been directed to undertake a consultative community engagement process to evaluate the Municipality's waste strategy. The objective is to review existing policies and programs in order to map out an options plan to evolve the strategy to support HRM waste program needs into the future.*

*The engagement plan is currently being developed as per Council protocol. The Community Engagement process needs to be completed prior to any decisions being made in terms of integrating Site A, which is currently designated a wilderness reserve, into the Wilderness Commons. Staff will continue to involve CMC, respecting its role in the strategy review process.*

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If you have any questions related to this community engagement process and strategy review, please contact Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources.

Respectfully, I remain



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- cc: Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Richard Butts, CAO
- Mike Labrecque, DCAO
- Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation & Public Works
- Gord Helm, Manager, Solid Waste Resources