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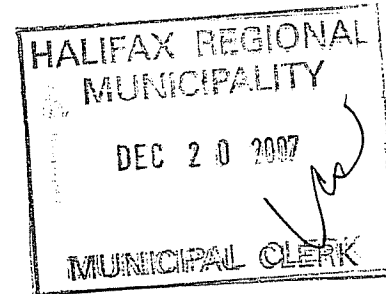
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Re: Letter from Sackville Rivers Association

We are writing in response to your memo dated November 22, 2007, with respect to the above noted subject.

Your memo refers to a flooding issue at 5 Kindling Crescent, and the letter attached to your memo, from the Sackville Rivers Association, describes other related problems associated with the water course located on the lands behind 5 Kindling Crescent.

The flooding and related problems were discussed at a meeting on November 19, 2007, attended by Councillor Brad Johns, Denise Schofield and Mark McGonnell of Community Development of HRM, and John Sheppard and myself on behalf of Halifax Water.

Staff of both HRWC and HRM have investigated and it appears that the water course and the land on the adjacent property behind 5 Kindling Crescent has been significantly altered, and that these alterations are the primary cause of the flooding and other related problems. This watercourse alteration appears to have occurred several years ago and falls outside of the jurisdiction of both HRWC and HRM. We believe water course alteration issues are the primary responsibility of NS Environment and Labour.

Councillor Johns indicated that he would approach the owner of the property on which the water course is located. It was also agreed that, if necessary, Community Development staff would follow-up with the property owner regarding their responsibilities related to the infilling and alteration of their property.

Halifax Water appreciates the significant environmental impact caused by the alteration of the water course to the neighbourhood and the Sackville River downstream. Notwithstanding this situation, the flooding and other related problems were apparently caused by activities which are not under the jurisdiction or responsibility of Halifax Water, and accordingly, we are not in a position to resolve these issues.

Yours in service,

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