

Included on Agenda
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

Added Item
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: July 31st 2007, Regular Council

Subject: Odours By-law

Request:

I hereby request a Staff Report on establishing a by-law to regulate odours, which will include gas fumes, from commercial sites or others.

Reason:

I have received numerous complaints from local residents regarding excessively strong gas fumes emitted from a nearby gas station. HRM Environmental Management officials and NS Department of Environment and Labor have reviewed this issue at length. HRM's EMS review show no regulations in place that provides control over nuisance odors.

Staff of NSDEL advise that they have reviewed this issue as well and no non-compliance issues are in existence, and as such, have advised HRM officials that no further action will be undertaken by their staff.

Further to this, HRM Pollution Prevention staff advise me that upon review, the MGA may provide an option. The MGA part 172 " Power to make by-laws" provides the following:

172 (1) " A council may make by-laws, for municipal purposes, respecting...(d) nuisances, activities and things that, in the opinion of council, may be or may cause nuisances, including noise, weeds, burning, odors, fumes and vibrations..."

In this regard, I respectfully request HRM staff to investigate and report on establishing a by-law to regulate odors from commercial sites or others, in order to have a vehicle in which HRM can appropriately address this ongoing issue and others.

I would like this response as:

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Councillor Debbie Hum District 16