

Item No. 10.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
May 3, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Councillor Peter Lund, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Standing
Committee

DATE: April 19, 2011

SUBJECT: **Provincial Erosion Sediment Control Guidelines**

ORIGIN

The April 7, 2011 Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council request staff to work with the Province on amending the Provincial Erosion Sediment Control Guidelines to account for climate change and to review appropriate Provincial and Municipal policies and regulations relating to properly controlling drainage on new site developments, during and following development, in order to minimize impacts to receiving waters.

BACKGROUND

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee discussed this matter during their April 7, 2011 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Councillor Lund provided a brief overview to the Standing Committee respecting discussions he has had with staff regarding siltation run off from recent developments within his District and HRM. He requested that HRM staff and Halifax Water review this matter and the current regulations in place and work with provincial Department of Environment staff to assist in the development of a solution.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Staff are proceeding under the expectation that resources required at this time is only minimal staff time. However, clarification of roles and responsibilities with the Province may result in Budget Implications which would result in a return to Council by staff.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the proposed Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee meetings are open to members of the public.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives were provided by the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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