

## The 4<sup>th</sup> “R” - Rethink

CMC Presentation to Council

November 12, 2013



## Flawed Process

- Council directed staff to consult with CMC, which is established in a partnership agreement between Halifax Waste/Resource Society and HRM
- Consultation should have been the development of community engagement program with input and approval from both parties
- Instead a process was adopted that put the host community on the defensive
- This does not represent community engagement best practices



# The citizens of HRM have been clear: **HONOUR THE CONTRACT**

**Prospect**

**Bedford**

**Halifax**

**Cole Harbour**

**Porter's Lake**



Otter Lake Community Monitoring

- Attendees primarily community members with vested interest in Otter Lake Landfill – no surprise
- Staff interim report not consistent with the established process – National was to report on findings
- Staff interim report was used as another opportunity to support their views
- The National report released later accurately reflected what was heard



Otter Lake Community Monitoring

## MQO Survey Results

- Surveyed people across HRM
- 65% of residents “oppose or strongly oppose” the closure of the FEP/WSF
- 66% feel HRM should not continue to pursue the staff recommendations when all 3 Provincial parties will not approve changes at Otter Lake



## Time to Reflect and Correct

- The message regarding the FEP/WSF is clear from consultation input and survey results
- Support the motion on the floor to accomplish what residents have called for



## Go-Forward Approach

- Remove the Otter Lake recommendations
- Restart the consultation process after a reasonable break – 12 months
- In the meantime, staff and CMC can develop an approach for going forward
- Staff can pursue opportunities for increased source-separation



Thank you

Questions?

