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Item No. 11.5.2

Request for Council's Consideration

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

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Clerk's Office by Noon
Monday)

☐ **Request from the Floor**

Date of Council Meeting: November 12, 2013

Subject: Access to Electronics Recycling Services

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request staff to consider as part of the solid waste strategy review, potential improvements to the recycling system for seniors and persons with disabilities, in order to address concerns regarding access to the program for those who cannot get electronics to depots.
2. Request that the Mayor write a letter to the Resource Recovery Fund Board Inc. (RRFB) and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment encouraging a review of their recycling services to make them accessible to as many residents as possible.

Reason:

HRM operates a curbside collection service for many, but not all, recyclables: electronic devices, like TV sets, computers, DVD players and cell phones must be dropped off at a Nova Scotia Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) location.

For seniors and persons with disabilities it can be a challenge getting their materials to the depots. Some facilities will pick-up materials but do so at a fee. Given this, HRM may wish to consider ways to make the recycling of electronic devices more accessible.

Various options may include: expanding curbside collection services; bringing down the cost of pick-up services; special electronic pick-up days; partnering with other stakeholders; or identifying HRM facilities that could accept materials at designated times could be considered as solutions. Many of these options involve the Province.

Outcome Sought: To make recycling services accessible to as many residents as possible.

Councillor Linda Mosher

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