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Item No. 9
Halifax Regional Council
December 2, 2014

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Acting Director TPW

DATE: October 30, 2014

SUBJECT: Sackville Leachate Treatment Facility Petition

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

A staff report dated July 2, 2013 tabled at the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee on August 8, 2013 item 7.1.1 (Attachment A) outlined an option to use the existing leachate treatment facility located at the Sackville Landfill site on Highway 101 to treat external leachate generated from the Municipality's two compost facilities.

BACKGROUND

As per the direction of Council and the requirements under the Nova Scotia Environment permit process public consultations were held within the community. The first meeting was held at the Springfield Lake Recreation Center on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 6:00 pm and was attended by approximately 170 residents. The second meeting was held at the Hammonds Plains Consolidated Elementary School on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm and was attended by approximately 120 residents.

DISCUSSION

On September 28, 2014 Councillor Johns presented a petition to Regional Council. The petition contains names of individuals who attended at least one of the community information sessions who do not agree with the proposal to allow any additional material - solid or liquid - to be transported to, stored or treated at the former Sackville Landfill site, located in Upper Sackville, Nova Scotia.

At the October 7, 2014 Regional Council meeting, Council ratified the Motion below:

1. Direct staff to consider alternatives for the treatment of leachate from Halifax's two organic composting facilities and defer proceeding with the treatment of offsite leachate at the Highway 101 site pending consideration of options.
2. Report back to Council no later than April 1, 2015.

Solid Waste staff is currently engaged in options analysis as per Council's direction.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was completed.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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