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Halifax Regional Council  
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**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Services

**DATE:** March 6, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Report for By-Law W-101 Respecting the Discharge of  
Wastewater into Public Sewers

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## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

At the Regional Council Meeting of July 17, 2001 (Item No. 9.1), Council approved the adoption of By-Law W-101 respecting the Discharge of Wastewater into Public Sewers. During the discussion of the by-law, Councillor Hetherington requested that quarterly reports be prepared for Council regarding the Pollution Prevention (P2) Program.

### BACKGROUND

This report is the second quarterly report regarding the P2 Program.

## DISCUSSION

Activities for this reporting period have focussed on the preparation of a tracking system to permit effective case management. Information such as business name, ownership, location, and details regarding correspondence, by-law notification, sampling, inspection and enforcement details are being compiled. Currently, 2511 of the estimated 5000 businesses in HRM have been recorded.

Activities covering the period ending December 31, 2001 are as follows:

Activity	To End of December 31, 2001	To End of September 31, 2001
Total ICI Locations in Database	2,511	519
Total ICI Locations Sampled	16	4
Total ICI Locations Inspected	41	16
Total Industrial Surveys Completed	21	3
Number of By-Law Notifications Issued	3	0
Number of By-Law Violations	7	7
Number of Compliance Programs	2	0
Number of Surcharge Agreements	0	0

Also, educational and promotional information related to the P2 Program for Residential and Industrial-Commercial-Institutional (ICI) sectors has been provided through the following:

1. HRM's Naturally Green publication
2. Burnside Business News
3. Presentation to 40 representatives of the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute
4. Presentation to 60 representatives of the Nova Scotia Institute of Environmental Industries

Staff have additionally responded to numerous telephone inquiries regarding the P2 Program. Response by telephone has provided the owners, operators or managers of businesses in HRM with direct information regarding By-Law W-101. A record will be kept and reported of all future direct telephone contacts regarding the P2 Program.

As a result of the presentation to the Canadian Petroleum Products Institute, a cooperative approach to providing information regarding pollution prevention has been developed. The CPPI represents an estimated 350 retailers, distributors and manufacturers of petroleum related products within Halifax Regional Municipality. Cooperatively, best management plans are being developed to assist auto repair shops, undercoating businesses, gas stations and other related business activities with appropriate pollution prevention information to assist each location in complying with the provisions of By-Law W-101.

The next quarterly report will be for the period ending March 30, 2002.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

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


The P2 Program strongly supports the Strategic Directions established by Council in relation to public safety, planned growth, environmental and infrastructure maintenance. This initiative is identified in the Business Plan for Public Works and Transportation Services. Also, the P2 Program has been reviewed and is supported by the Provincial and Federal Governments, and is considered to be an integral component of the Harbour Solutions Project.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None recommended.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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