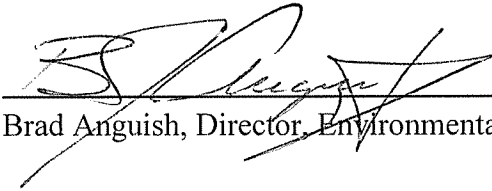




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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**September 23, 2003**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
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**DATE:** September 16, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Pesticide By-law/ Insecticide Permit Process

**INTERIM INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

August 19, 2003, Regional Council meeting - Item 10.3.4(ii) Pesticide By-law/ Insecticide Permit Process.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Regional Council meeting of August 19, 2003, Councillor Colwell raised item 10.3.4(ii) Pesticide By-law/ Insecticide Permit Process. The matter was referred to staff along with a number of other related questions from Regional Council members.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff wants to not only provide responses to these Pesticide By-law related questions, but also to provide Regional Council with a comprehensive review of this year's program and potential opportunities to improve the program in future.

Staff has initiated a series of meetings with key stakeholders, including the lawn care industry and, concurrently, will be reviewing this year's data as well as public and industry feedback as we prepare an overall synopsis. This will include potential options and opportunities with related costs and ramifications for Regional Council's review. The report will also highlight what is happening legislatively at the provincial and federal levels as well as with the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency and ongoing pesticide products review.

This comprehensive report will be ready for Council by late October, early November.

In recent discussions with various stakeholders, including Landscape Nova Scotia, it is acknowledged that this pesticide application season is virtually over. The report time line proposed would allow ample time for review, discussion, planned implementation and advance awareness and education programs for any potential changes for next season.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **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.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

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