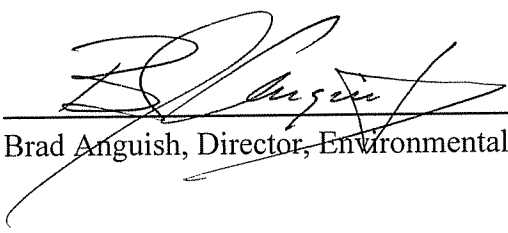




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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 4, 2003**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services

**DATE:** October 24, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Residential Tenancies Act

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

At the September 23, 2003, Council Meeting, Councillor Uteck requested a staff report with suggestions for applicable changes in the Residential Tenancy Act.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The attached letter, dated October 21, 2003, has been provided to Mr. Barry Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, for his consideration respecting the suggested changes to the Residential Tenancy Act to help enforce compliance with the Solid Waste Resources/Management Strategy.

Staff reviewed Councillor Uteck's request and has determined that the MGA is not applicable to this matter.

**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**

Letter dated October 21, 2003 to Mr. Barry Barnet, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations.

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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October 21, 2003

The Honourable Barry Barnet  
Minister of Service Nova Scotia  
and Municipal Relations  
P. O. Box 216  
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4

Dear Minister Barnet:

**Re: Residential Tenancies Act - Management of Solid  
Waste/Resources**

Although HRM and indeed all of Nova Scotia is recognized across Canada and beyond as a world leader in solid waste/resource management, there is always room for improvement. In this regard, I am writing to you on behalf of the Regional Council with respect to three matters pertaining to the management of solid waste/resources at residential rental properties (i.e. apartment buildings) and the Nova Scotia Tenancies Act.

At the September 23, 2003, meeting of the HRM Regional Council, it was agreed that changes to the Nova Scotia Tenancies Act are necessary and should include the following:

- require the posting by the property owner of local municipal waste/resources collection schedules in all rental units;
- that each tenant be required to sign a declaration stating they are aware of the local municipal solid waste/resources rules; and
- that a copy of the local municipal waste/resource management brochures/guides be provided by the property owner to each tenant.



October 21, 2003

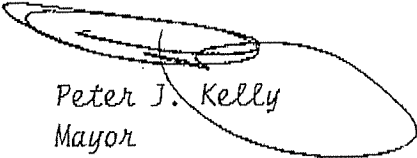
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*It is requested that the above recommendations be given consideration for incorporation within the Nova Scotia Tenancies Act and/or the Standard Form of Lease, whichever is deemed appropriate.*

*The above noted amendments are desired by HRM (and would benefit other municipalities with a significant seasonal university population base many of whom reside in rental properties) to ensure that all possible avenues are utilized in the goal of achieving compliance with local municipal solid waste/resource collection services, plus compliance with the Provincial Landfill material bans list. The incorporation of the suggested amendments would also help reduce the number of incidents of unsightly and potentially public health issues caused by refuse being placed at the curb for collection inconsistent with the local municipal collection schedule.*

*Thank you in advance for your assistance in responding to this matter.*

*Respectfully, I remain*



*Peter J. Kelly  
Mayor*

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*cc - Members of Halifax Regional Council*