



Date: September 27, 2023
To: Municipal Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Councillor Sandra Garden-Cole, Infrastructure & Operations Committee Chairperson
RE: **Infrastructure & Operations Committee Report**

The Committee held its regular meeting on September 19, 2023 in Council Chambers. There are three motions coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. ORGANICS TRANSFER STATION STATUS UPDATE

The Waste Management Centre operation includes organics transfer station where materials are stored until shipped offsite for processing. The transfer station has been in operation since the early 2000s. Due to a combination of normal wear and tear and increased weather events (damage/stress) the transfer station cover has been damaged beyond repair.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct staff to bring a report back on options for organics management at the Waste Management Centre, including costing for the December meeting and that the Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommend that Council authorize the CAO to approve use of Solid Waste Reserve funds for the purpose of professional services fees for organics management options reports, as outlined in this staff report, not to exceed \$10,000.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING & PAPER PRODUCTS - NEW REGULATIONS

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products (EPR for PPP) is a newly enacted regulations for Nova Scotia. This regulation has been in discussion for more than a decade, with significant effort by municipalities through individual responses to collective efforts (through NSFM and NS Solid Waste Resource Regional Chairs Committee) to bring this forward. This regulation will see the costs related to collection, transportation and processing of packaging and paper products, the blue bag recycling programs, moving from municipal budgets to the industry producers.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct staff to register the Municipality of East Hants as opting in to the provincial Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products by the deadline of January 1, 2024.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct staff to bring back a report outlining the next phase of the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging and Paper Products decisions and impacts to Council in Spring 2024.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.