



Date: December 20, 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 December 12, 2023, in Council Chambers. There are four (4) motions coming forward as a result of that meeting:

1. EXIT RAMP CHALLENGE

Council approved a 3-year pilot program (2021 - 2023) to combine support for community groups looking for fundraising options and to tackle the issue of roadside litter. The East Hants Exit Ramp Challenge launched spring 2021 where community groups that cleaned an exit ramp would receive a \$500 grant. The pilot was successful.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct staff to add \$9000 to the 2024-2025 budget for the East Hants Exit Ramp Challenge.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

2. RECYCLING PROCESSING CONTRACT - RENEWAL

East Hants ships recyclables to the Municipality of Colchester recycling facility for processing under contract. The current contract term expires March 31, 2024.

December 1, 2025 Nova Scotia will be moving to an Extended Producer Responsibility system, where the cost of processing recyclables will be managed by the producers, thereby reducing costs to municipalities.

The Municipality of Colchester has provided a contract renewal to bridge their customers from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 to allow coverage up-to and including launch of the new system.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council *that Council direct the CAO to sign a 2- year contract for recycling processing with the Municipality of Colchester, effective April 1, 2024 with a rate of \$165/tonne.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

3. ORGANICS PROCESSING FACILITY FEASIBILITY REPORT

Council approved in September 2023 that an update of the 2013/14 consultant report on the management of organics at the Waste Management Centre operation be completed for review in December 2023. This report has been completed.

The report update was triggered by the organics transfer station cover damage that is beyond repair, and was removed due to safety concerns (potential collapse).

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council ***that Council direct staff to prepare a report on funding options for an organic processing facility at the East Hants Waste Management Centre, to include potential grant applications and long-term partners/customers.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

4. **CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION LANDFILL OPERATIONS & 2ND GENERATION LANDFILL POTENTIAL AT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE**

In July 2022 staff provided a report to Executive Committee related to changes for the management of construction & demolition materials, currently landfilled at the East Hants Waste Management Centre. Those regulations are now in phase 1, with plans and compliance is required by July 2024.

As part of that discussion staff were directed to return to Executive Committee on feasibility to construction a 2nd generation landfill, one that would receive both construction and regular wastes, whereas East Hants ships regular garbage to the GFL landfill in West Hants.

The Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommends to Council ***that Council direct staff to include in the 2024-25 budget an evaluation of the Waste Management Centre C&D landfill for current capacity, future growth/expansion options under the new provincial regulations to be funded from Waste Management Centre Operating Reserves.***

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

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