

Resolution 12A

SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION CONTROL (PASSED)

⇒ Halifax Regional Municipality

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia released Water for Life, The Nova Scotia Water Resource Management Strategy in 2010; and

WHEREAS protection of the environment is the mandate of The Environment Act; and

WHEREAS Protection of Water Resources is identified as a keystone in Integrated Water Management; and

WHEREAS weather events causing sedimentation releases on construction sites are a major negative impact on watercourses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM request that the Province of Nova Scotia adopt a Permitting service delivery model for Sedimentation and Control Plans for construction projects.

BACKGROUND:

Water quality has been a growing area of concern for residents. Sedimentation releases from construction projects appear to be an opportunity for improvement. Currently, there is no advance permitting of Sedimentation Control Plans required by the Department of Environment. It is only after responding to incidents that project Control Plans are reviewed. A permitting system would provide sound protection to water resources.

Forwarded to:
Minister of the Department of Environment