

September 20, 2021

To Jonathan MacDonald,  
Department of Environment

I am writing to express my deep concerns over HRM 's proposed changes to the Otter Lake Landfill and violation of the 1999 Contract signed between HRM and The Halifax Waste Society.

As a host community for the Municipalities solid waste disposal, it is imperative Halifax Regional Municipal honour their commitment and it is imperative our communities have a voice to express the objections over changes being proposed to the 1999 Contract.

To ensure all elected officials have accurate and complete information on the operations of the Otter Lake Landfill, I have enclosed the Otter Lake Community Monitoring Autumn 2020 Newsletter which provides a detailed description of the Front-End Processor (FEP) and Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF) and the reasons why this system is a required to operate a landfill facility in a residential area.

In 2014, my MLA, Iain Rankin, asked the then Minister of Environment to confirm that no changes would be made to the operating permit which Minister Delorey did. In 2016, the legislature passed a private member's bill to enshrine in legislation the maximum cell heights - also a moral commitment made by HRM that was at risk of changes.

At the time all political parties stood by our community, and our communities expect that to continue.

Sadly, for the first time in the history of the Otter Lake Landfill, the Councillor representing Hammonds Plains – St Margarets and the Councillor representing Spryfield-Sambro Loop -Prospect who sit on the Community Monitoring Committee, a watch dog committee for our community, voted in favour of the removal of the FEP and WSF.

Given the very close proximity of the landfill to large residential neighbourhoods and recreational amenities I am committed to working with community groups and the residents that surround the landfill to maintain what was promised to accept this landfill in the first place.

I am requesting you work with our community to ensure the FEP and WSF remain operational to provide a safe, healthy community that is not burdened by offensive odors and the health and safety issues that result in the attraction and abundance of unwanted rodents and vermin's that carry disease and cause destruction.

Sincerely,



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Representative of the BTL Residents Association

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