

AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL RFD# 2022036

Date: May 24, 2022

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, CAO

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SUBJECT: Northern Region Solid Waste Agreement

ORIGIN: Need to remove the references to CJSMA.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Nova Scotia Environment Act; Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act 60 (1) A municipality or a village may agree with one or more municipalities, villages, service commissions, the Government of the Province or of Canada or a department or agency of either of them or a band council pursuant to the Indian Act (Canada) to provide or administer municipal or village services.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve of the attached Northern Region Intermunicipal Solid Waste Agreement as presented, and further authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign on behalf of the Town.

BACKGROUND: The Nova Scotia Environment Act creates seven Solid Waste Resource Regions in the Province of Nova Scotia including Region 3, known as the Northern Region which is comprised of the counties of Colchester, Cumberland and the District of East Hants. The mandate of the Northern Region is to enable the municipal units to collaborate in order to meet waste resource objectives as set and determined by the Minister of Environment. These objectives could include, but are not limited to, solid waste-resource management reports, plans, disposal targets, diversion goals and distribution of provincial funding.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: This agreement was previously approved by all municipal councils however the updated agreement removes the references to CJSMA in the previous MOU.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications to approving the new agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: The amended agreement does not change the environmental goals of the Committee.





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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: As this is an administrative agreement between multiple municipal units no community engagement is contemplated at this time.

ALTERNATIVES: Request that the Committee make changes to the proposed agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: Northern Region Solid Waste Agreement

Report prepared by:

Report and Financial approved by:

