

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2017		
Subject: Curbside solid waste collection of household medical waste privacy bag accommodation		
<p>Motion for Regional Council to consider:</p> <p>THAT Halifax Regional Council: Request a staff report that includes research, preferred recommendation and options for the accommodation of residents with medical conditions by allowing additional privacy bags for curbside solid waste collection of household medical waste.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>There is no authority granted in the Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law No. S – 600 to allow staff to consider exemptions to the one privacy bag rule for household residential waste, regardless of composition. No way to accommodate those with medical conditions to help ensure their privacy and dignity with family, friends or neighbours.</p> <p>Household medical waste includes supplies that may be soiled with blood or other bodily fluids and medication that has expired or will not be used. Soiled bandages, dressings, disposable sheets and adult diapers are examples.</p> <p>There are elderly parents and grandparents living with family who want to maintain their privacy that clear bags or one privacy bag does not allow. Some people use personal items for incontinence, resulting in three – five soiled incontinence products a day amounting to 39 to 65 adult diapers per garbage collection day. There are those undergoing dialysis that can generate tubing, filters, disposable towels and sheets of such quantity that the one privacy bag cannot contain.</p> <p>Outcome Sought: Options to accommodate those with medical conditions that generate household medical waste beyond the single privacy bag limit, that will help ensure their privacy and dignity.</p>		
<i>Deputy Mayor Steve Craig</i>		<i>District 15</i>