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**Item No. 05**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**March 22, 2016**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council  
Original Signed by Director

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director, Planning and Development

**DATE:** February 24, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Status of Dangerous or Unsightly Orders

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### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

The “*Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Amendment (2011) Act*”. Amendment to the *Halifax Regional Charter* requires the Administrator to report to Council on the status of dangerous or unsightly property Orders including any remedial progress.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* 189, 2008, c.39, section 355 (3)

#### **BACKGROUND**

Staff submitted a report dated July 9, 2015 to Regional Council reporting on the status of dangerous or unsightly property Orders issued January 1 to June 30, 2015. Section 355 (3) states, “*The Administrator shall at least twice per year table a public report to the Council describing the status of dangerous or unsightly property orders including remedial progress made regarding properties for which orders were issued pursuant to this Part. 2008, c. 39, s. 355; 2011, c. 4, s. 3.*”

This report will provide an update on Orders issued July 1 to December 31, 2015.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Orders to Remedy are generally addressed in one of three ways:

- Compliance by a property owner,
- Appeal by a property owner, or
- Remedy by HRM.

If a property owner appeals an Order, the case is heard by the Appeals Standing Committee. The Committee will determine if the appeal is granted or denied. If the appeal is granted, there will be no remedy required and the case is closed.

