

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
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FROM: Laurie Lewis, Program Manager – Policy and Outreach, Solid Waste
DATE: June 1, 2016
SUBJECT: **Solid Waste Regional Chairs Committee Update**

Meetings of Regional Chairs occurred on April 15th and May 13th, 2016 and the following items of note were discussed:

Priorities Group & Regulatory Review Process

There have been no recent meetings of the Priorities Group. At the April 15th emergency Chairs meeting municipal representatives discussed the sustainability of waste management programs without enabling legislative changes to support system costs.

A meeting between the Chairs' executive and Environment Minister Hon. Margaret Miller was held on May 11, 2016. Among other things EPR was discussed. The Municipal-Provincial Priorities Group reconvened on May 26th to discuss next steps to continue encouragement to move EPR forward.



RRFB rebranding

At the Chairs meeting of May 13, RRFB announced the 20 years recycling campaign and their rebranding. RRFB will now be known as 'divertNS'. Their website is below.

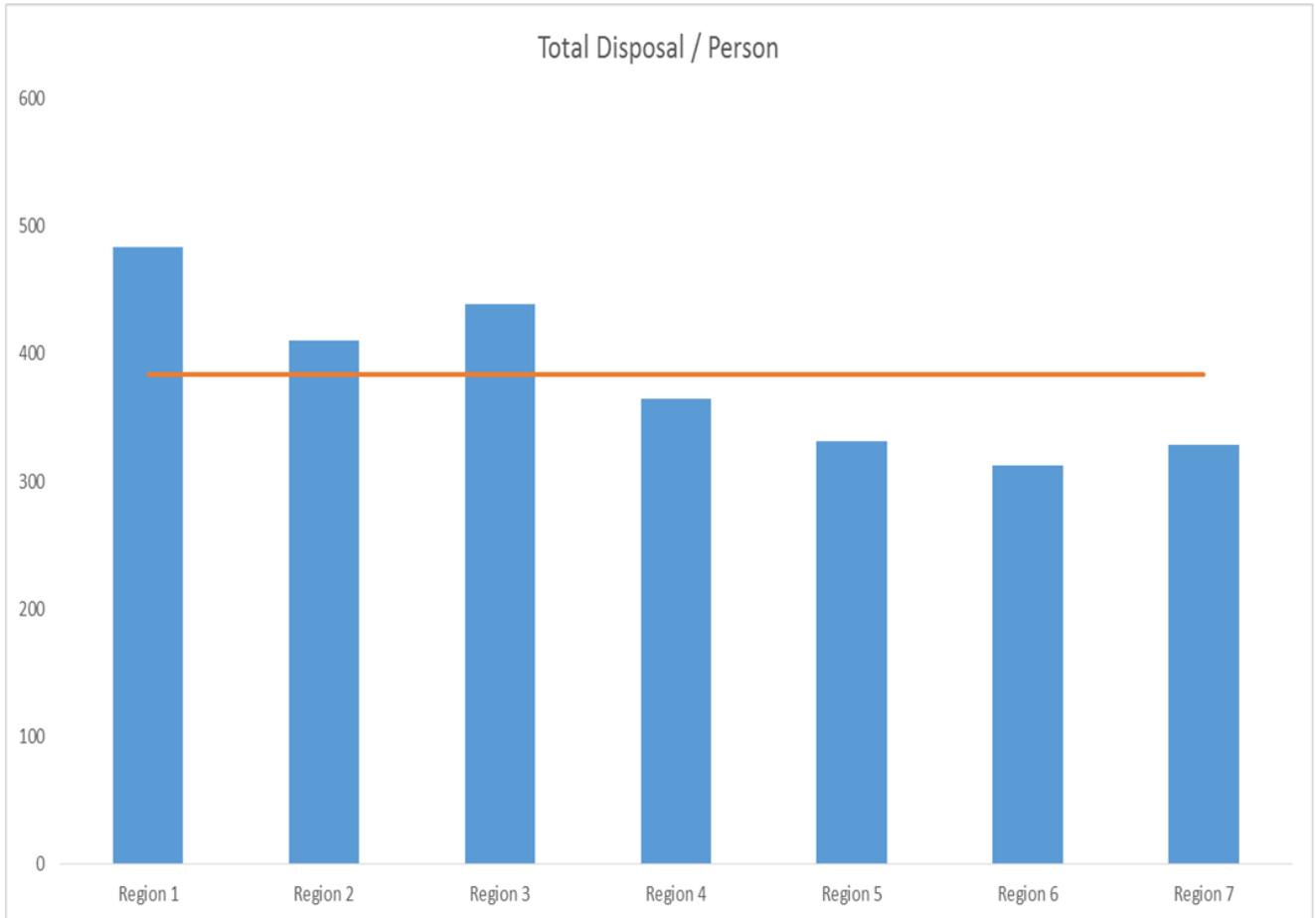
<http://www.divertns.ca>

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NS Per Capita Disposal Report

NSE provided a presentation to Chairs at its meeting on May 13 to review provincial and regional per capita disposal rates for 2014/15.

The 14/15 Provincial Average is 384kg/per person and Halifax Region 4 is 364kg/per person. Halifax has reduced the disposal rate by 14kg/per person from last year.



The next meeting of Regional Chairs is scheduled for June 24 in Truro.

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