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Dear Jillanna Brown:

**RE: ECC Comments on Otter Lake Compliance Plan**

Thank you for your correspondence on October 26, 2022, with respect to the Compliance Plan submitted on June 29, 2022 by Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and Mirror NS Limited (Mirror NS), joint Approval Holders for the Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal Facility (Otter Lake).

Please find below comprehensive responses to Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) comments on the Compliance Plan. Additionally, attached to this letter are:

- Attachment 1 – Revised Compliance Plan, including August 2022 Performance Audit Report, prepared by Strum Consulting.
- Attachment 2 – Examples of household special waste (HSW) education promotion and slide deck for monthly webinar.

It is noted that the August 2022 Performance Audit was completed per the protocols identified in the originally submitted Compliance Plan (June 29, 2022). The November 2022 Performance Audit will be completed per the updated protocols outlined in the revised Compliance Plan (Attachment 1) and will include Small White Goods and HSW per direction from NSECC.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Approval Holders with any comments or questions in response to this letter.

Sincerely,



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## **General**

### **Comment 1.a.**

This section of the plan lists the source of the methodology used as the 'Recommended Waste Characterization Methodology for Direct Waste Analysis Studies in Canada by SENES Consultants for CCME (1999)', which references that the number of samples should be determined by the level of precision that is desired in the results. Upon review of more recent work, the 'Alberta Provincial Waste Characterization Framework', updated in 2005 and reconfirmed in 2016, suggests that there should be 40-50 samples taken for the Consumer Waste Sector (non-Commercial/Industrial) that is commercially hauled, with the weight of each sample being 200-250 lbs. The 'Ontario Ministry of the Environment Procedures for the Assessment of Solid Waste (Residential and Commercial - 1991)' recommended 10 samples per enumeration area. It is not evident that the sampling frequency as proposed in your compliance plan (1 per collection area) for the 1st year, and then modified for subsequent years in Table 2.2 is statistically valid in the context of the variability of compostable organics tonnage in the received MSW. Please revisit the methodology, specifically the number of samples per area, with a proposal submitted to the Department for approval prior to the execution of any subsequent audits.

### **Response**

A review of the Alberta Framework was completed. Table 2 on page 10 outlines the number of samples and weight per sample to be collected. A reference was added in Section 2.2 of the Compliance Plan. Additionally the Compliance Plan has been updated to increase the number of samples to be collected in the first year to act as a baseline from 36 to 40, (Table 2.2 of the Compliance Plan) in line with the new reference document brought forward by NSECC. The Performance Audit sampling is one sample/area/quarter for a total of 9 samples per quarter and based on the Alberta Framework, additional samples will be added to comply with the recommended sample size. The proposed sample size already meets/exceeds the sample size recommended in the Alberta framework (198 – 298 lbs).

With respect to:

*The 'Ontario Ministry of the Environment Procedures for the Assessment of Solid Waste (Residential and Commercial - 1991)' recommended 10 samples per enumeration area.*

These procedures define 'enumeration area' as being small geographic areas of 600 - 800 residents. If this was applied to HRM that would mean that ~800 samples would need to be collected. Given the age of this document, this is not considered necessary based on the CCME and Alberta reference documents. Further the Ontario document does note that 'nine or ten samples are required for statistically accurate results (Section 2.3.1)' – and as noted above, the proposed number of baseline samples has been increased to 40 and therefore statistically valid.

With respect to:

*It is not evident that the sampling frequency as proposed in your compliance plan (1 per collection area) for the 1st year, and then modified for subsequent years in Table 2.2 is statistically valid in the context of the variability of compostable organics tonnage in the received MSW. Please revisit the methodology, specifically the number of samples per area, with a proposal submitted to the Department for approval prior to the execution of any subsequent audits.*

As a clarification, the originally submitted Compliance Plan notes that each collection area will be sampled once per quarter per year for a total of four samples per collection area for the first year (not one per collection area for the first year). The Compliance Plan has been updated to:

- Increase the number of samples in the first year from 36 to 40 (Table 2.2 of the Compliance Plan)
- Repeated the sample frequency in subsequent year to match the first year, including ensuring at a minimum that one sample per collection area per quarter is analyzed as part of each Performance Audit.

#### **Comment 1.b.**

The Audit results only address the organic (compostable waste) portion of the waste stream and does not identify any HHW or (smaller) white goods items found in the samples. Please report all three categories of waste in each audit result, including report summaries.

#### **Response**

The updated Compliance Plan now includes these additional items as part of the Performance Audits. It is noted that two quarterly Performance Audits have now been completed (prior to receiving these comments from NSECC) and therefore future Performance Audits, starting in November 2022, will include these additional items.

The update Compliance Plan now includes the following definitions in Section 2.1:

- HSW: Includes items listed in Schedule “B” – Designated Material Banned from the Destruction or Disposal in Landfills and Incinerators in the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, as amended from time to time, including lead-acid (automotive) batteries, post-consumer paint products, ethylene glycol, used oil, used glycol, used oil filter, glycol containers, and oil containers.
- Small White Goods: Items such as toasters, microwaves, and coffee makers that would be mostly composed of metal materials that can be disposed of in garbage bags.

**Comment 1.c.**

The plan does not adequately describe the collection areas with respect to approximate annual volume of waste collected but treats each area as equal parts. Please update the description/table of information with the annual volume of each collection area (including the condominiums).

**Response**

Attachment 1 of the Compliance Plan includes the Initial Performance Audit report (May 2022) prepared by Strum Consulting. Attachment 1, Table D includes the three-year waste averages per collection area and additionally the % Compostable Waste is weighted based on the tonnage allocation per collection area. The updated Compliance Plan also includes the three-year waste averages in Table 2.4 for clarity.

**Comment 1.d.**

The plan indicates the number of samples to be taken from each sample area with an annual minimum. Please revise the plan such that all areas are sampled in each audit.

**Response**

The Compliance Plan has been updated to show that each area will be sampled each quarter. Please see Section 2.2.

**Comment 1.e.**

The proposed actions should be separated by waste type (e.g., Organics, White Goods, HHW, etc.) to expand upon what measures will be taken for waste type in each collection area. Please reorganize for more transparency.

**Response**

Acknowledged – Tables E.1. and 5.1 have been updated to include a column called Waste Type to clearly identify the waste stream for each initiative.

**Comment 1.f.**

The plan does not address the fate of rejected loads, and the likelihood that this material may be redirected to another landfill, but still be non-compliant, even if this contravenes HRM bylaw S-600. What other methods of handling these rejected loads have been completed, e.g., potentially charging higher tipping fees for loads deemed non-compliant, etc.?



**Response:**

Inspection procedures for both residential and Institutional, Commercial and Industrial (ICI) waste are outlined in Section 4.3 of the Compliance Plan. ICI waste is not processed through the FEP/WSF, but is instead managed through the Otter Lake Transfer Station. Residential waste is currently processed through the FEP/WSF and will be landfilled without processing upon acceptance of the Compliance Plan by NSECC. Several points of clarification:

- The primary point of compliance inspection for residential loads is curbside, as described in Section 3.3.
- Residential loads are only rejected at Otter Lake in extreme cases and is generally limited to situations where a driver has erroneously gone to the wrong facility (e.g., organics or recyclable collection vehicle accessing Otter Lake).
- If a residential load of garbage had a significant portion of Compostable Waste that was segregable and could be reloaded into a hauler's vehicle, it would be directed to an HRM composting facility.
- The Otter Lake operation has and will continue to be compliant with HRM By-law S-600. The management of residential and ICI waste has always been compliant with HRM By-law S-600.

There are a variety of methods to promote diversion and compliance in solid waste programs. Charging higher tip fees for non-compliant loads cannot be considered as tip fees are not charged for residential waste. The residential curbside collection program is a public service provided by HRM for eligible premises. The Compliance Plan includes the following to promote diversion and compliance:

- Section 3 of the Compliance Plan outlines current measures used by HRM to promote diversion and compliance including public education (Section 3.1), curbside monitoring (Section 3.2), and hauler education/curbside stickering enforcement (Section 3.3).
- Section 4 of the Compliance Plan outlines new measure related to the Performance Targets including the *Food Isn't Garbage* campaign (Section 4.1), enhanced HSW education and promotion (Section 4.1), as well as changes to curbside inspection procedures (Section 4.2, i.e., new category of stickering enforcement "Compostable Waste").

Furthermore HRM initiatives related to compliance for the ICI sector include:

- Average of 1,000 proactive site inspections per year by Diversion Planning Officers (Compliance Officer) to businesses, institutions, and apartment buildings.

- Issuance of up to 600 Notices to Comply annually with respect to Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-law S-600 and follow-up visits to ensure compliance has been met.
- 4,500+ hours annually of waste education focused on businesses, apartment buildings, institutions, and schools.
- 100+ Waste Discrepancy Reports annually identifying improperly sorted waste received at the Otter Lake transfer station, resulting in warnings or rejections and site visits.
- Development of a certification program for property management companies to improve waste management practices in multi-residential sector.
- Periodic review of development applications to ensure provision of source separation containers at multi-residential properties.
- Landfill inspection procedures as noted in Section 4.3 of the Compliance Plan.

## **Organics**

### **Comment 2.a.**

The plan does not clearly define if the proposed modifications to curbside inspection and rejection stickers is simply a modification of current enforcement levels or if enforcement will be increased to build upon the efforts of the updated educational program. Please provide more detail.

### **Response:**

In Section 3.3 of the Compliance Plan the existing curbside inspection and education rejection sticker program is described including:

- Typical reasons for rejecting materials, including improperly sorted waste (e.g., organics in garbage stream, plastics in the green cart), black bags in excess of the one bag limit, garbage bags or bulky items exceeding the allowed limit, and incorrectly bundled or contained items. It is noted that the focus is generally on conformance to physical aspects of the program including, number of bags, number of bulky items, loose material, and items that are clearly non-acceptable such as car tires or HSW (e.g. propane cylinders).
- HRM currently uses the information to information for hauler education and training, and public education campaigns (e.g., *Recycle Right*).

In Section 4.2 of the Compliance Plan, it is noted that a new category will be introduced on the collection education rejection stickers specifically related to Compostable Waste in the garbage stream. This represents an increased level of enforcement as contracted haulers are now being

asked to look more closely at clear garbage bags and reject based on the presence of compostable waste. Additionally, this represents an increased level of education as the data collected on stickers related to Compostable Waste, in addition to other information collected per the Compliance including through the Performance Audits, will be used in support of Feedback Monitoring (e.g., education packages provided directly to residents).

**Comment 2.b.**

The plan states that the loads audited from the more rural/suburban areas tend to contain lower percentages of banned materials than the more urban areas; therefore, the Department would expect to see how the Approval Holders are planning to target the areas that require the most improvement. Specifically, the plan cites examples of the Education Team targeting “specific geographical areas that need targeted waste education based on low participation in recycling and organic streams.” The examples listed were for Collection Areas 2, 3, and 6, while the Collection Area with the highest percentage of organics (Collection Area 1) and the Condos were not. **Please provide additional details on what specific educational measures are being undertaken in these two areas.**

**Response:**

The information referenced in Comment 2.b. are from Section 3.2 of the Compliance Plan.

Section 3 of the Compliance Plan titled: “Current Diversion Measures Related to Performance Targets” outlines HRM’s current measures to promote diversion and enforcement. Section 3 demonstrated how the Compliance Plan builds upon existing initiatives.

Section 3.2 provides examples of Feedback Monitoring conducted in 2018, 2019, and 2021, as noted in the text, and predates the first Performance Audit completed.

The Approval Holders concur with Comment 2.b. in that the intention of Feedback Monitoring is to focus on areas of HRM with poor Performance Audit results. Included with this submission are the results of the second Performance Audit, completed on August 22, 2022. Based on the result of the second Performance Audit, the HRM Education Team will complete feedback monitoring in the Collection Areas that had the highest percentage of Compostable Waste including:

- Focusing on Area 2 (i.e., downtown Dartmouth area), Area 3 (i.e., Moirs Mill Road area, Bedford) and Area 8 (i.e., Gaetz Brook/West Petpeswick areas) in November 2022.
- A sorting guide and collection schedule will be hand delivered to specific per areas that are consistent with where the Performance Audit samples were collected from (i.e., collection route)
- Geo-targeted social media campaign in these areas (Food Isn’t Garbage campaign).

Further description of new Feedback Monitoring initiatives have been added to Section 4.0 and 4.1 of the Compliance Plan.

### **Household Hazardous Waste (HSW)**

#### **Comment 3.a.**

The plan states that HHW will be considered unacceptable wastes for disposal and that removal of HHW from the tipping face may help to keep these materials out of the landfill; however, the level of success of this action is questionable due to health and safety concerns. **What other measures are the Approval Holders undertaking to reduce HHW in residential municipal solid waste pick-up?**

#### **Response:**

The Compliance Plan provides the following information:

- Section 3.4. outlines HRM's existing CFC removal program, which is at no costs to residents for eligible white goods prior to placing curbside for garbage collection (e.g., e.g., refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, and window air conditioners).
- Section 3.3. outlines HRM's curbside sticker program, which includes rejecting garbage based on the presence of HSW.
- Section 3.5 outlines HRM's existing HSW program including the operation of the permanent HSW depot and HSW mobile events.
- Section 4.1 outlines enhancement to HSW education related to disposal options, including related to items that were recovered in the FEP, such as left-over paint (including aerosol containers), batteries, propane cylinders, and used motor oil. Additionally it is noted that:
  - Beginning in September 2022, the HRM Education Team is offering a monthly webinar on the proper management of HSW. An example of an enhanced HSW education promotion advertisement; and slide deck for monthly webinar are included as Attachment 2. Section 4.1 of the Compliance Plan has been amended to reflect this activity.
  - As Performance Audits will now including the composition of HSW, targeted Feedback Monitoring will be completed as needed. Sections 4.0 and 4.1 of the Compliance Plan have been amended accordingly.
- Section 4.3 outlines landfill inspection procedures to identify HSW and removal, acknowledging as noted only when can be completed safely.

### **Comment 3.b.**

The plan states that the FEP removes approximately 20 tonnes of HHW annually (apart from the approximately 800 tonnes collected at the permanent and mobile collection events). This would appear to indicate an increased demand for greater access to disposal facilities. **The plan proposes increasing mobile collection events by 6 additional events, but what modifications to the operation of the HHW permanent depot have been contemplated and what changes in operation of that facility have been/will be undertaken?**

### **Response:**

In Section 3.5 of the Compliance Plan, Table 3.1 presents an estimate of the quantity of HSW recovered from HRM's permanent and mobile depots compared to the quantity of HSW recovered from the FEP.

In 2018, 2019, and 2021 HRM's HSW program captured over 40 times the quantity of HSW captured by the FEP. This demonstrates that the vast majority of HSW is being captured in HRM's HSW program, in addition to other stewardship program disposal outlets (e.g., paint at Enviro-Depots), and that very little HSW is being captured in the FEP. The 2017 Divert NS Waste Audit Report, and similar audits completed by HRM in 2016/2017, showed that HSW represented less than one percent of the incoming residential waste stream.

As HSW is now being included as part of Performance Audits, the composition in the incoming residential waste stream will be monitored and appropriate corrective action can be taken as needed (e.g., Feedback Monitoring).

In 2021/2022, Halifax Regional Council increased the number of HSW mobile events from 11 to 17 and this increased level of service continued in 2022/2023. HRM staff believe that this level of service will be implemented in future years and represents a 54 percent increase in mobile events as compared to previous years. No changes to the HSW permanent depot are being contemplated as the program cannot be expanded due to space constraints as the operation is located on the same property as HRM's Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

A review of the HSW program is expected to be included as part of a terms of reference for a strategic review of HRM's solid waste program to be submitted to Halifax Regional Council towards the end of fiscal year 2022/2023. Pending Halifax Regional Council approval, it is envisioned that the strategic review will be completed over the next two to three years.

### **Comment 3.c.**

The Audit results do not specifically quantify the amount of HHW contained in the samples. Consequently, it is not possible to assess whether the FEP removal of HHW and the permanent and mobile collection events are substantially reducing the quantity of HHW that is being

landfilled. **Please modify the reporting of future audits to collect and report on the quantity of HHW encountered.**

**Response:**

Acknowledged that the Performance Audits will now include the characterization of HSW. Section 2 of the Compliance Plan has been updated.

**White Goods**

**Comment 4.a.**

The plan states that White Goods will be considered unacceptable wastes for disposal and that removal of these White Goods from the tipping face may help to keep these materials out of the landfill; however, the level of success of this action is questionable due to health and safety concerns. The plan states that a separate vehicle will be used to pick up these types of goods. **How will this separate vehicle be operated (i.e. will it operate separately from the regular pick-up vehicles, or will the pick-up vehicle drivers call in for a “special pick-up?”**

**Response:**

Since 2016, as part of the HRM curbside collection program, haulers are required to provide separate vehicles for the collection of white goods as part of garbage collection. As noted in Section 3.4 of the Compliance Plan:

*“Residents contact 311 for eligible white goods (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, window air conditioners) and a contractor arranges to remove the CFCs and places a confirmatory sticker on the white good. The resident then places the white good curbside for garbage collection. The hauler then collects the white goods with a separate collection vehicle and delivers the items to Otter Lake where they are unloaded in a dedicated area for metal recycling.”*

**Comment 4.b.**

The proposed usage of a separate vehicle for White Goods collection suggests the possibility of enhanced White Goods collection at the curbside, to potentially capture and divert the 650-1000 tonnes that are collected at the FEP. **Are the Approval Holders proposing a targeted education program to collect the smaller White Goods that enter the facility with the residential wastes? What other measures are the Approval Holders undertaking to reduce White Goods in residential municipal solid waste pick-up?**

**Response:**

There is no proposed “enhanced White Good Collection” as part of the Compliance Plan. The separate collection of white goods has been a program requirement since 2016 and the deactivation of the FEP has no impact on the diversion of white goods as noted in Section 3.4 of the Compliance Plan:

*“Between 2018 and 2021, approximately 650-1,000 tonnes of metal was recovered and recycled each year, with the majority being white goods collected as part of the residential curbside collection program. Deactivation of the FEP/WSF will not impact the separate collection and diversion of white goods as part of the residential curbside collection program.”*

New measures proposed in the originally submitted Compliance Plan include:

- Section 4.2 Curbside Enforcement – ensuring that recyclable white goods are being collected by a separate collection vehicle.
- Section 4.3 Landfill Operations – ensuring that recyclable white goods/bulky waste are retrieved, as possible, from the landfill tip face.

Additionally, the Approval Holders are adding Small White Goods as part of the Performance Audits and will implement corrective action as needed (e.g., Feedback Monitoring). The Compliance Plan has been updated accordingly in Sections 4.0 and 4.1.

#### **Comment 4.c.**

The plan notes removal of White Goods at the transfer station tipping floor, from the tipping face, and collection at drop off containers that are at the transfer station. **Please confirm if this is solely related to drop off containers at the Otter Lake transfer station, or if this relates also to the facilities at Middle Musquodoboit and Sheet Harbour.**

#### **Response:**

As part of the residential collection program, white goods are collected with a separate collection vehicle and directed to a dedicated area for metal recycling at Otter Lake. Scrap metal, including white goods, are retrieved from the transfer station tip floor and FEP receiving floor (or in the future directly from the landfill tip face once deactivation is approved and implemented).

For Collection Area 8 (eastern part of HRM), waste is transferred at one of the two rural refuse depots. Separate dedicated vehicles collecting white goods deposit these items at the Sheet Harbour Rural Refuse Depot where they are managed and sent directly to metal recyclers (i.e.,

not transferred to Otter Lake). Additionally, scrap metal (including white goods), are acceptable for drop off at the two rural refuse depots for those who live within the local communities.

Each rural refuse depot operates under separate NSECC Approvals.





## **Attachment 1: Revised Compliance Plan**

# Compliance Plan

## Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility

Submitted to NS Environment and Climate Change

### Prepared by:

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# Executive Summary

On March 22, 2022 Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) issued an updated Municipal Approval (2008-065580-07) for the Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility (Otter Lake) allowing the Front End Processor and Waste Stabilization Facility (FEP/WSF) to be deactivated upon the submission and acceptance of a Compliance Plan in accordance with the Approval requirements. The Compliance Plan was originally submitted to NSECC on June 29, 2022, with the current version having been updated in response to comments received from NSECC on October 26, 2022,

This Compliance Plan has been prepared to address the following Performance Targets outlined in Approval Condition 12 which states:

## 12. Performance Targets

- a. *The Performance Targets for this Facility include:*
  - i. *Compostable waste shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of total amount of municipal solid waste landfilled, by mass;*
  - ii. *White Goods and bulky wastes that can be recycled and that can be safely removed from the solid waste delivery vehicle or the RDF tipping face shall be removed and stored in accordance with the approved Operations and Maintenance Manual;*
  - iii. *Dangerous/Waste Dangerous Goods/Household Hazardous Wastes that are visible and can be safely removed from the solid waste delivery vehicle or the RDF tipping face shall be removed and stored in accordance with the approved Operations and Maintenance Manual.*
- b. *As per Condition 3.a.iii), the Approval Holder(s) shall operate the facility in accordance with any new Standard adopted by the Department regarding compliance with landfill disposal of banned materials.*

In order to characterize the current composition of Compostable Waste in the incoming residential waste stream and to assess compliance with Performance Targets set in the Approval, a standard Performance Audit process was established. The purpose of the audits is to quantify the Compostable Waste banned from landfill disposal being received at the facility. Additionally, as requested by NSECC, the composition of Household Special Waste (HSW) and Small White Goods have also been added to the Performance Audits, starting in November 2022.

The Approval defines Compostable Waste as:

### 1. Definitions

- g. *Compostable wastes means food wastes, perishables, corrugated cardboard, newsprint, leaf/yard wastes, and all other organic wastes listed in Schedule 'B' – Designated Materials Banned from the Destruction or Disposal in Landfills and*

*Incinerators in the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, as amended from time to time.*

Additionally, the following definitions apply to this Compliance Plan:

- HSW: Includes items listed in Schedule “B” – Designated Material Banned from the Destruction or Disposal in Landfills and Incinerators in the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, as amended from time to time, including lead-acid (automotive) batteries, post-consumer paint products, ethylene glycol, used oil, used glycol, used oil filter, glycol containers, and oil containers.
- Small White Goods: Items such as toasters, microwaves, and coffee makers that would be mostly composed of metal materials that can be disposed of in garbage bags.

Performance Audits were completed in May and August 2022. Representative samples were collected from each of the eight residential curbside collection areas and from condos for each audit (i.e., 18 samples collected and total). Compostable Waste was determined to be 10.81%, slightly above the Performance Target of 10%. It is noted that a minimum of four quarterly Performance Audits are needed to baseline the composition of Compostable Waste, to address sample variation including temporal and seasonal considerations, and to fully assess compliance with the Performance Target. Focusing on reducing the amount of Compostable Waste is key in ensuring long-term compliance with the Performance Targets.

HRM plans to bring awareness to the importance of keeping Compostable Waste out of the garbage stream through public promotion of waste reduction and diversion options. Additionally, a new category will be introduced on the curbside residential collection education rejection stickers specifically related to Compostable Waste in the garbage stream and HRM will work with contracted haulers to inspect for the presence of these banned materials in the garbage stream.

The table on the following page summarizes the activities identified in this Compliance Plan, including timelines, to support meeting all Approval Performance Targets.

**Table E.1: Compliance Plan Summary and Timelines**

Waste Type	Initiative	New/ Modified Initiative	Details	Timeline
<b>Public Education</b>				
Compostable Waste	Campaign to reduce and divert Compostable Waste (Food Isn't Garbage)	New	Campaign focused on reducing and diverting Compostable Waste. Will include social media, print, radio ads and media interviews.	Start: July 2022 Run: 2022 and 2023
Compostable Waste, HSW, White Goods	Feedback Monitoring by HRM Education Team (i.e., education targeted to individual dwellings)	Modified	Currently complete Feedback Monitoring based on Curbside Monitoring Program <sup>1</sup> . To complete additional feedback monitoring based on Curbside Enforcement and Landfill Operations.	Ongoing
HSW	HSW Promotion/Education	Modified	Campaign addressing HSW disposal options, including for left over paint (including aerosol containers), batteries, propane cylinders, and used motor oil.	Start: July 2022 Run: 2022 and 2023
<b>Curbside Enforcement</b>				
Compostable Waste	Implement new stickering category - Compostable Waste	New	Create new category on education rejection stickers for Compostable Waste. Used for curbside collection enforcement.	Implement by November 7, 2022
Compostable Waste, HSW, White Goods	Curbside Monitoring by HRM Operations Team	Modified	Previous monitoring focused on operational aspects such as health and safety. Modified initiative to periodically audit routes for hauler performance in applying education rejection stickers and verifying separate collection of white goods.	Implement by November 21, 2022

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<sup>1</sup> To better understand residential waste collection participation rates and set out habits, Curbside Monitoring has been performed annually since 2015. Each year, neighbourhoods in six to eight electoral districts are monitored for an eight-week period by HRM Solid Waste Education Team staff.

Waste Type	Initiative	New/ Modified Initiative	Details	Timeline
<b>Landfill Operations</b>				
Compostable Waste, HSW, White Goods	Inspection of Incoming Loads/Tipped Loads and Rejections/Issuance of Waste Discrepancy Reports.	Modified	Continuation of inspection program at Otter Lake. Modified to reflect deactivation of the FEP/WSF with loads being directly tipped at the landfill.	Modified procedures to coincide with deactivation of the FEP/WSF
<b>Compliance Plan</b>				
N/A	Provide update to Compliance Plan after four Performance Audits are completed.	New	<p>Performance Audits completed in May and August 2022 showed Compostable Waste to be 10.11%, slightly above the Performance Target of 10%. Four quarterly Performance Audits are needed to fully assess and baseline the composition of Compostable Waste.</p> <p>Within 30 calendar days of completing four Performance Audits, HRM and Mirror NS propose an update to this Compliance Plan be submitted to NSECC, specifically assessing audit results against the Compostable Waste Performance Target of 10% and identifying timelines/milestones to meet the Performance Target (if required).</p>	<p>Performance Audits planned for: May 2022 Aug 2022 Nov 2022 Feb 2023</p> <p>Update to Compliance Plan to be submitted within 30 calendar days to NSECC upon completing the fourth Performance Audit.</p>

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## Section 1 – Introduction

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This Compliance Plan has been prepared in accordance with Approval Condition 13.a. which states:

### **13. Site Specific Conditions**

- a. *Prior to the discontinuation of the use of the FEP and WSF, the Approval Holder(s) shall submit to the Department a Compliance Plan detailing how the facility will achieve its Performance Targets, complete with dates, as stated in Section 12, on or before July 02, 2022, or as amended in writing by the Administrator.*
  - i. *At the direction of the Department, the Approval Holder(s) shall revise the Compliance Plan until accepted by the Department.*
  - ii. *The FEP and WSF shall continue to be required components of the operation of the Facility until written notification is received by the Approval Holder(s) from the Department confirming acceptance of the Compliance Plan.*

Approval Condition 12 states:

### **12. Performance Targets**

- c. *The Performance Targets for this Facility include:*
  - i. *Compostable waste shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of total amount of municipal solid waste landfilled, by mass;*
  - ii. *White Goods and bulky wastes that can be recycled and that can be safely removed from the solid waste delivery vehicle or the RDF tipping face shall be removed and stored in accordance with the approved Operations and Maintenance Manual;*
  - iii. *Dangerous/Waste Dangerous Goods/Household Hazardous Wastes that are visible and can be safely removed from the solid waste delivery vehicle or the RDF tipping face shall be removed and stored in accordance with the approved Operations and Maintenance Manual.*
- d. *As per Condition 3.a.iii), the Approval Holder(s) shall operate the facility in accordance with any new Standard adopted by the Department regarding compliance with landfill disposal of banned materials.*



The purpose of the Compliance Plan is to address the requirements of Approval Condition 13.a. including:

- Assessing the current composition of Compostable Waste, Small White Goods, and Household Special Waste (HSW) in the incoming residential stream.
- Assessing current HRM solid waste program and landfill operations measures related to capturing/diverting Compostable Waste, recyclable white goods/bulky waste, and HSW.
- Identifying new measures to improve capturing/diverting materials noted above.
- Providing implementation timelines for activities identified in this Compliance Plan.

## Section 2 – Performance Audits

### 2.1 Background

Performance Audits are to be completed in accordance with Approval Condition 13.e. which states:

#### **13. Site Specific Conditions**

- e. *The Approval Holder(s) shall conduct Performance Audits of the incoming Municipal Solid Waste, noting specifically the volumes at the RDF tipping face, to track compliance with the Facility's Performance Targets and Compliance Plan.*
  - I. *The Approval Holder(s) shall conduct Performance Audits at a minimum frequency of once per quarter.*
  - II. *The Approval Holder(s) shall conduct the first Performance Audit within ninety (90) days of the effective day of this approval.*
  - III. *As per Condition 3.j.) the Approval Holder(s) shall immediately notify the Department of a non-compliance determination from a Performance Audit.*
  - IV. *At the direction of the Department, the Approval Holder(s) shall retain the services of a third-party to conduct the Performance Audits.*

In order to characterize the current composition of Compostable Waste, Small White Goods, and HSW in the incoming residential waste stream and to assess compliance with Performance Targets set in the Approval, a standard Performance Audit process has been established. The purpose of the audits is to quantify the Compostable Waste and HSW banned from landfill disposal being received at the facility, in addition Small White Goods which are generally not banned from landfill disposal. The Approval defines Compostable Waste as:

#### **2. Definitions**

- h. *Compostable wastes means food wastes, perishables, corrugated cardboard, newsprint, leaf/yard wastes, and all other organic wastes listed in Schedule 'B' – Designated Materials Banned from the Destruction or Disposal in Landfills and Incinerators in the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, as amended from time to time.*

Additionally, the following definitions apply to this Compliance Plan:

- HSW: Includes items listed in Schedule "B" – Designated Material Banned from the Destruction or Disposal in Landfills and Incinerators in the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, as amended from time to time, including lead-acid (automotive) batteries, post-consumer paint products, ethylene glycol, used oil, used glycol, used oil filter, glycol containers, and oil containers.
- Small White Goods: Items such as toasters, microwaves, and coffee makers that would be mostly composed of metal materials that can be disposed of in garbage bags.

For further clarity, the material sub-categories from the Divert NS 2017<sup>2</sup> Waste Audit and HRM 2016/2017 Waste Characterization reports have been compared and used to define the categories of Compostable Waste to be used in the Performance Audits for the incoming residential waste stream per discussions with NSECC staff, as outlined in the table below.

**Table 2.1: Compostable Waste Material Categories and Past Audit Results**

<b>Material Type/Sub-category</b>	<b>HRM 2016/17 Characterization</b>	<b>Divert NS 2017 Waste Audit</b>
Organics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole Perishables</li> <li>Leftover Scraps</li> <li>Yard Waste</li> </ul>	9.92% <sup>1</sup> 0.62%	0.74% 7.69% 2.12%
Fibre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsprint - Dailies/Weeklies</li> <li>Corrugated Cardboard</li> </ul>	1.35% 0.88%	1.83% 0.34%
<b>Total Compostable Waste</b>	<b>12.77%</b>	<b>12.72%</b>

<sup>1</sup>The HRM Characterization included Whole Perishables and Leftover Scraps as a combined category – 'Food Waste'.

## 2.2 Performance Audit Methodology

The methodology described herein reflects best practices identified in the Divert NS Waste Audit Manual and Field Procedures Guide (2017), as well as site specific processes established by HRM. Both Divert NS and HRM methodologies were developed with reference to the Recommended Waste Characterization Methodology for Direct Waste Analysis Studies in Canada by SENES Consultants for CCME (1999). Additionally, the Alberta Provincial Waste Characterization Framework (2005) was reviewed and used to guide the number and weight of the samples to be collected.

### Sample Load Identification

Residential curbside collection is divided into eight collection areas in HRM, the geographic descriptions of which are described in the table below. Condominium properties are also considered to be residential and are provided with a commercial style multi-unit collection service.

<sup>2</sup> <https://divertns.ca/sites/default/files/researchreportsfiles/2021-09/WasteAudit2017.pdf>

To establish a baseline, four quarterly Performance Audits consisting of sampling of each collection area and condos will be completed over the first year, to address sample variation including temporal and seasonal considerations, and to fully assess compliance with the Performance Target. Starting in November 2022, additional samples will be collected from several collection areas, with the largest annual tonnages, to ensure a total of 40 samples are collected in the first year<sup>3</sup>.

After one year of data has been collected, subsequent quarterly Performance Audits will continue with a similar sample frequency and as shown below in Table 2.2 (i.e., 40 samples to be collected annually).

**Table 2.2: Collection Area Descriptions and Minimum Sample Frequency**

Collection Area	Area Description	# of Samples
1	Halifax (former city limits), Spryfield	5
2	Dartmouth (former city limits)	5
3	Bedford, Hammonds Plains, Pockwock	5
4	Beechville-Timberlea, Herring Cove and all areas west (Prospect, Peggy's Cove, St. Margaret's Bay to Hubbards)	4
5	Sackville, Beaver Bank, Fall River, Waverley, Wellington, Dutch Settlement	5
6	Cole Harbour, Westphal, Cherry Brook, Eastern Passage, Cow Bay and Area	4
7	Porters Lake, Lawrencetown, Chezzetcook, Lake Echo, Prestons and Area	4
8	Middle Musquodoboit, Elderbank, Musquodobit Harbour, Sheet Harbour and Eastern Shore	4
Condos	Multi-residential style properties located in various communities.	4
Total Minimum # of Samples		40

Based on records of known tip times of vehicles from specific collection areas compared to the scheduled audit time, sample loads will be selected ahead of time by HRM staff. A random number

<sup>3</sup> The sampling frequency was adjusted for this updated version of the Compliance Plan in response to NSECC comments dated October 26, 2022. Initially 36 samples were going to be collected in the first year; this has now been increased to 40 samples to be collected in the first year in response to NSECC comments.

generator will be used to choose which vehicle will be sampled. The selected loads will be visually inspected on the tip floor or at the tip face upon arrival and pictures taken. The following information will be recorded for each load:

- Collection vehicle and route numbers
- Date/Time of arrival
- Date/Time sample taken
- Gross and tare weight of truck (used to establish net weight of material)
- Weight of sample
- The number/type of bulky items observed
- Names of persons taking the sample
- Date/Time of sorting

### Sample Size

The SENES methodology suggests a sample size of 90 to 135 kg (198 to 298 lbs) for residential samples, therefore 135 kg will be the target.

Once the load has been emptied from the collection vehicle, multiple sections of the load will be selected to draw a sample that is representative of the load. Each sample should contain a mix of clear and black bags and avoid sections containing significant amounts of construction waste or bulky items.

To ensure an adequate sample weight is taken, all sample material will be weighed using a commercial floor scale.

### Material Categories

Samples will be sorted into Compostable Waste categories consistent with Divert NS 2017<sup>4</sup> Waste Audit and HRM 2016/2017 Waste Characterization reports, as shown in the table below. Additionally, HSW and Small White Goods will be sorted as defined below. Materials which do not fall into one of these categories will be sorted, weighed, and categorized as other garbage.

**Table 2.3: Waste Sorting Categories**

Category /Material Type	Sub-Category	Examples
FIBRE	Newsprint/Paper	Herald, The Coast, Masthead News, The Cobequid/Dartmouth/Cole Harbour Wire, flyers, printed paper, paper plates

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<sup>4</sup> <https://divertns.ca/sites/default/files/researchreportsfiles/2021-09/WasteAudit2017.pdf>

Category /Material Type	Sub-Category	Examples
	Corrugated Cardboard/Boxboard	Boxes for consumer items (TVs, appliances), storage, filing, shipping (Amazon), boxboard
ORGANICS	Food Waste	Whole vegetables, fruit, meat, fish  Leftover food waste, egg shells, peels, oils, bones, fat  Food in packaging is included if most of it consists of food
	Yard Waste	Grass clippings, leaves, brush, branches, wood chips, soil
HSW	HSW	Lead-acid (automotive) batteries, post-consumer paint products, ethylene glycol, used oil, used glycol, used oil filter, glycol containers, oil containers
Small White Goods	Small White Goods	Items such as toasters, microwaves, and coffee makers that would be mostly composed of metal materials that can be disposed of in garbage bags

## Sorting Procedures

The sorting team will consist of two to four people. Staff shall be briefed on sorting protocols, including familiarity with example materials for each sorting category. One person shall be designated as ‘Lead’ and will be responsible for quality control and data collection. An independent consultant has been retained to act as the Lead and independent observer of the Performance Audits for the first year of baseline data collection.

The audit space will be set up with tables for sorting materials, containers clearly labeled for each of the waste sub-categories and scales for weighing the materials. The containers used for sorting are all weighed prior to starting and recorded on the data sheet.

Each collection areas audit sample (~135 kgs) will be stored in a larger container, moved using a forklift and weighed using a commercial floor scale. A smaller scale will also be utilized for samples weighing less than 1.5 kg (including the container).

To maintain consistency, the Lead shall be designated to weigh and record data on the provided data collection sheets each time a container becomes full.

This process will continue until the sample has been sorted and weighed.

### 2.3 May and August 2022 Performance Audit Results

Two Performance Audits have been completed to date in accordance with the methodology of the Compliance Plan submitted on June 29, 2022. All future Performance Audits will be completed in accordance with this updated Compliance Plan, including characterizing HSW and Small White Goods.

For both completed Performance Audits, samples were sorted into the respective categories (organics and fiber only) noted in Table 2.4. Strum Consulting acted as the Lead in overseeing the Performance Audit, with Mirror NS staff completing the sampling and sorting activities. HRM representatives also observed Performance Audit activities. Performance Audit reports summarizing both of the audits completed to date are provided in Appendix 1.

The table below presents a summary of Compostable Waste for each sample. Overall, Compostable Waste was determined to be 10.81%<sup>5</sup> based on the results of the first two Performance Audits. These values are weighted based on the annual tonnage received at Otter Lake from each of the collection areas as described in the reports provided in Appendix 1. It is noted that a minimum of four quarterly Performance Audits are needed to baseline the composition of Compostable Waste, to address sample variation including temporal and seasonal considerations, to fully assess compliance with the Performance Target.

**Table 2.4: Performance Audit Results**

Collection Area	Area Description	Three Year Average Waste Received (Tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	May Compostable Waste (%)	August Compostable Waste (%)	Avg Compostable Waste (%)
1	Halifax (former city limits), Spryfield	9,918	15.4	13.09	14.25
2	Dartmouth (former city limits)	6,866	10.44	20.52	15.48
3	Bedford, Hammonds Plains, Pockwock	4,358	3.87	19.32	11.60

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<sup>5</sup> The overall composition of Compostable Waste was determined by weighting the sample result based on the tonnage historically collected from a collection area divided by the overall residential tonnage collected. See Attachment 1, August 2022 Performance Audit Report, Table E for calculations.

Collection Area	Area Description	Three Year Average Waste Received (Tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	May Compostable Waste (%)	August Compostable Waste (%)	Avg Compostable Waste (%)
4	Beechville-Timberlea, Herring Cove and all areas west (Prospect, Peggy's Cove, St. Margaret's Bay to Hubbards)	5,305	3.27	12.39	7.83
5	Sackville, Beaver Bank, Fall River, Waverley, Wellington, Dutch Settlement	8,372	6.34	12.03	9.19
6	Cole Harbour, Westphal, Cherry Brook, Eastern Passage, Cow Bay and Area	5,130	3.39	5.98	4.69
7	Porters Lake, Lawrencetown, Chezzetcook, Lake Echo, Prestons and Area	2,962	3.96	7.80	5.88
8	Middle Musquodoboit, Elderbank, Musquodobit Harbour, Sheet Harbour and Eastern Shore	3,384	6.9	16.40	11.65
Condos	Multi-residential style properties located in various communities.	2,627	10.36	13.20	11.87



Collection Area	Area Description	Three Year Average Waste Received (Tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	May Compostable Waste (%)	August Compostable Waste (%)	Avg Compostable Waste (%)
Total / %Compostable Waste		48,923	8.01	13.60	10.81 (see note below)
<b>Compostable Waste = 10.81%</b> based on first two Performance Audits. See Attachment 1, August 2022 Performance Audit Report, Table E for calculations <sup>2</sup> .					

<sup>1</sup>Residential tonnage from 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022 (April-May fiscal years)

<sup>2</sup> The overall composition of Compostable Waste was determined by weighting the sample result based on the tonnage historically collected from a collection area divided by the overall residential tonnage collected.

## **Section 3 Current Diversion Measures Related to Performance Targets**

HRM's solid waste system includes facilities dedicated to the diversion of organics, recyclables and HSW. Additionally, HRM has a robust education and enforcement program to support diversion initiatives. The following sections will provide an overview of current program elements related to:

- Public Education
- Curbside Monitoring
- Hauler Education / Curbside Stickers Enforcement
- White Goods / CFC Removal Program
- HSW Program

### **3.1 Public Education**

HRM's Solid Waste Resources Department employs five full-time Waste Resource Education Officers, which are funded by Divert NS through a yearly education contract. The Education Team delivers over 4,000 hours of education each year, which includes various programs and initiatives to educate the public and private sectors about proper waste management.

The Education Team has a suite of presentations that are offered to the public and can be delivered both in-person and virtually. A list of presentations that can be requested by residents of HRM through the "3 Rs Online" webpage include topics ranging from a basic "What Goes Where" presentation to in-depth sessions about backyard composting and waste reduction. The primary role of all education initiatives is to reduce the amount of banned materials going to landfill.



For residents that want to go beyond the basics, the Education Team offers the Master Composter Recycler Program, which is a five-week program where participants can get an in-depth understanding of waste programs and facilities in HRM, ways to reduce waste at home, how to make and use their own compost, and diversion initiatives that go beyond Halifax's municipal programs. Since 2019, 137 participants have graduated from the Master Composter Recycler program.

Educators also deliver presentations in schools to discuss the importance of proper sorting and waste diversion. Children are taught from a young age how to participate in proper waste management through in-class workshops, facility tours, and Divert NS lesson plans for classroom engagement.

Residents of HRM can find information about waste programs through the Halifax Recycles App, the Halifax Recycles Facebook page, and the [Halifax.ca/Recycle](https://halifax.ca/Recycle) webpage. The app has over 113,000 users who can search items in the waste wizard and receive collection day notices and other important reminders. The Halifax Recycles Facebook page has over 8,600 subscribers and is used to promote the department's education initiatives, share helpful tips, and relay important service updates. Collection calendars and sorting guides (in five different languages) are available for download from [Halifax.ca/recycle](https://halifax.ca/recycle).

### 3.2 Curbside Monitoring

To better understand residential waste collection participation rates and set out habits, Curbside Monitoring has been performed annually since 2015. Each year, neighbourhoods in six to eight electoral districts are monitored for an eight-week period by Education Team staff.

Data is collected and evaluated for four solid waste measured categories: participation rates, set out sizes (e.g., number of bags), weekly generation, and set out methods. Participation rates

report the percentage of residences that set out material for collection each week. Set out sizes and frequencies provide further details on household sorting and collection habits. Bag type distributions and receptacle usage show what set out methods are preferred by residents. When evaluated as a complete set, these results provide insights into residential waste behaviours and inform educational initiatives and policy decisions across diverse districts.

Curbside Monitoring results allow the Education Team to identify specific geographical areas that need targeted waste education based on low participation in recycling and organic streams. Educators return to these areas for Feedback Monitoring, wherein they visually inspect set outs for improper sorting or limit exceedances and provide education packages directly to residents. Examples include:

- 17 packages delivered to residents in Oakmount in March 2021 (Collection Area 3)
- 15 packages delivered in Stonington Park in March 2021 (Collection Area 3)
- 11 packages delivered in Woodside in February 2021 (Collection Area 2)
- 55 packages were delivered in Dartmouth in February 2019 (Collection Area 2)
- 54 packages were delivered in Eastern Passage in December 2018 (Collection Area 6)
- 24 packages were delivered in Cole Harbour in October 2018 (Collection Area 6)

Furthermore, the data collected as part of Curbside Monitoring has also been used to identify improvements to the Municipality's stickering enforcement program, which is further discussed below.

### **3.3 Hauler Education / Curbside Stickering Enforcement**

Contracted curbside collection haulers play a role in enforcing proper preparation, source-separation, and placement of residential waste. They issue education rejection stickers when residents do not comply with regulations outlined in HRM bylaws. The rejected material will have a sticker affixed with the reasons for rejections shown on the sticker. Some typical reasons for rejection of materials include improperly sorted waste (e.g., organics in garbage stream, plastics in the green cart), black bags in excess of the one bag limit, garbage bags or bulky items exceeding the allowed limit, and incorrectly bundled or contained items.

The hauler keeps a daily log indicating where education stickers have been placed, the type of education sticker placed (e.g. garbage, organics or recyclables) and why the materials were rejected. The total number of curbside education stickers issued for garbage and reported for all collection areas of HRM in Fiscal 2020/2021 was 13,883; and in Fiscal 2021/2022 was 10,208.

Based on a review of Fiscal 2020/21 and 2021/22 data, the most common reasons garbage is stickered and rejected at the curb are:

- Garbage being over the limit: either in excess of the black bag limit (one bag) or in excess of the limit for total number of garbage bags (e.g., six bags for single detached dwelling).
- Garbage – Other: includes placement of unacceptable items such as car parts or tires, placement of renovation materials that are too big, etc.

- Garbage not contained: loose materials.
- Bulky items over the limit: one large bulky item can be placed curbside with each garbage collection period.

Periodically the stickering data is reviewed to identify program improvements and to reinforce proper use of the education stickers by the haulers. Recent examples have included:

- Educating the hauler staff to more consistently use all the sticker categories (i.e., resulting in less use of the Other categories).
- Training the hauler customer service staff to note late placements in the appropriate area of the daily collection route logs.
- Advertising campaigns such as:
  - “Recycle Right” focused on ensuring recyclable material (such as fibre) is properly recycled.
  - “What Goes Where” Wednesdays posts where proper recycling is emphasized.
  - “What Goes Where” and “Master Composter Recycler” presentations that explain proper recycling stream by stream.

The HRM Solid Waste Education and Operations Teams jointly deliver Hauler Workshops to haulers front-line staff, supervisors, and managers, generally one to two times annually, to reinforce procedural expectations and address collection challenges. Sticking data and findings from Curbside Monitoring are used in support of providing feedback to the haulers. Topics for Hauler Workshops in the past year have included rejections for black bag limit exceedances, the importance of accurate hauler route logs, and health and safety.

Additionally, HRM has provided the haulers a training video on HRM’s solid waste program. The training video includes a brief overview of Halifax’s Solid Waste Resources Management System, information on collection procedures and limits, stickering procedures, waste processing facilities, and hauler duties and responsibilities. All haulers’ staff are expected to complete the training video.

### **3.4 White Goods / CFC Removal Program**

The Education Team has several initiatives to aid the diversion of bulky items (e.g., couches) and white goods (e.g., refrigerators) from the landfill. Reuse culture is a primary educational message that is promoted through presentations, workshops, and social media posts. Many bulky items and white goods that may end up in the landfill can be donated or offered for trade or giveaway. Twice a year, HRM holds a Curbside Giveaway Event, in which residents can place gently used items to the curb for others to claim.

As part of the residential curbside collection program, residents are allowed to place one bulky item or white good out with each garbage collection cycle. Additionally, HRM provides a CFC (refrigerant) removal service from white goods prior to collection at no cost to residents. Residents contact 311 for eligible white goods (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, window air

conditioners) and a contractor arranges to remove the CFCs and places a confirmatory sticker on the white good. The resident then places the white good curbside for garbage collection. The hauler then collects the white goods with a separate collection vehicle and delivers the items to Otter Lake where they are unloaded in a dedicated area for metal recycling.

Between 2018 and 2021, approximately 650-1,000 tonnes of metal was recovered and recycled each year, with the majority being white goods collected as part of the residential curbside collection program. Deactivation of the FEP/WSF will not impact the separate collection and diversion of white goods as part of the residential curbside collection program.

### 3.5 HSW Program

HRM provides a Household Special Waste (HSW) program to capture special wastes that are generated in homes. The program consists of one permanent HSW Depot located at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive in the Bayer's Lake Business Park. It is open on most Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Additionally, the Municipality hosts mobile HSW Depot events each year to service residents in communities across HRM. Mobile events are located in areas of the Municipality that are further away from Bayer's Lake to provide easier access to the program. The Municipality initially rolled out mobile events starting in 2002 with two events. The number of mobile events has increased to 9, 10 and 11 in 2016, 2017, and 2018, respectively. In 2021/2022, Halifax Regional Council increased the number of mobile events from 11 to 17. This increased level of service will continue for 2022/2023.

Items that are accepted include (but are not limited to):

- batteries
- leftover paint and empty paint cans
- corrosive cleaners
- gasoline
- used motor oil and fuel
- solvents and thinners
- medications
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- propane tanks and cylinders
- residential fire extinguishers
- compact fluorescent light bulbs

HSW Depots are promoted through the Halifax Recycles App, the Halifax webpage, social media, and print media. Information about the importance of proper disposal of hazardous waste is provided in educational presentations and residential visits. Many items that are accepted at the HSW Depots can be taken to alternative locations for disposal which may be more convenient for residents. These alternative options are provided through the What Goes Where Wizard on the Halifax Recycles App and website.

Some HSW has historically been recovered in the FEP, in the order of 14 to 20 tonnes annually (e.g., camping cylinders, batteries, household chemicals such as paint), as shown in table below. By comparison, HRM's HSW program (i.e., HSW Depots) captures in the order of 500 to 900 tonnes of HSW annually. In 2018, 2019, and 2021 HRM's HSW program captured over 40 times the quantity of HSW captured by the FEP. Due to Covid-19, Mobile HSW Depots were cancelled in 2020, which resulted in a somewhat lower recovery.

**Table 3.1: Household Special Waste (HSW) recovered in the FEP and HSW Program**

HSW Categories	Quantities of HSW Recovered in FEP (estimated in tonnes)				Quantities of HSW Recovered from HSW Permanent and Mobile Depots (estimated in tonnes)			
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cylinders (e.g., camping cylinders)	8.8	10.6	11.1	10.0	36.5	36.7	17.2	52.8
Batteries	3.3	3.8	4.8	2.8	8.9	12.6	8.8	28.8
Household Chemicals (e.g., paint, oil, bulbs)	2.5	2.8	4.1	3.1	466.9	503.4	307.5	822.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>512.3</b>	<b>552.6</b>	<b>333.5</b>	<b>903.6</b>

## Section 4 – New Diversion Measures to Meet Performance Targets

The updated Municipal Approval requires that the Compliance Plan address how the Performance Targets will be met as outlined in Approval Condition 12 which states:

### **12. Performance Targets**

- a. *The Performance Targets for this Facility include:*
  - i. *Compostable waste shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of total amount of municipal solid waste landfilled, by mass;*
  - ii. *White Goods and bulky wastes that can be recycled and that can be safely removed from the solid waste delivery vehicle or the RDF tipping face shall be removed and stored in accordance with the approved Operations and Maintenance Manual;*
  - iii. *Dangerous/Waste Dangerous Goods/Household Hazardous Wastes that are visible and can be safely removed from the solid waste delivery vehicle or the RDF tipping face shall be removed and stored in accordance with the approved Operations and Maintenance Manual.*

As noted in Section 2, based on the Performance Audits completed in May and August 2022, Compostable Waste was determined to be 10.81%, slightly above the Performance Target of 10%. It is noted that a minimum of four quarterly Performance Audits are needed to baseline the composition of Compostable Waste, to address sample variation including temporal and seasonal considerations, and to fully assess compliance with the Performance Target. Focusing on reducing the amount of Compostable Waste is key in ensuring long-term compliance with the Performance Targets.

HRM plans to bring awareness to the importance of keeping Compostable Waste out of the garbage stream through promoting waste reduction and diversion options. Additionally, a new category will be introduced on collection education rejection stickers specifically related to Compostable Waste in the garbage stream and HRM will work with contracted haulers to inspect for the presence of these banned materials.

Furthermore, proactive education will continue to be provided for HRM's solid waste program, including for proper disposal of Compostable Waste, white goods/bulky waste, and HSW including using Performance Audits results to inform education initiatives.

### **4.1 Public Education**

HRM plans to build on existing public education diversion initiatives such as the 3 Rs Online, What Goes Where Presentations and Master Composter Recycler Program, to create and promote a new *Food Isn't Garbage* campaign focused on reducing and diverting Compostable Waste. The campaign will be promoted via public webinars, multi-media such as social media,



print, and radio and media interviews on this topic will be pursued. This messaging will also be incorporated into presentations at schools, community events, and our “What Goes Where” Wednesday Posts.

Additionally, existing HSW education and promotion will be enhanced by further promoting disposal options, including related to items typically recovered in the FEP such as left over paint (including aerosol containers), batteries, propane cylinders, and used motor oil. The promotion of this campaign will be conducted through public webinars, social media as well through paid advertising.

The HRM Education Team will also aim to complete more Feedback Monitoring, providing education packages directly to residents based on the results of the Performance Audits, or curbside warnings or rejections, as noted further in the following sections. This will include targeted waste education to specific geographical areas of the Municipality, including providing door to door education packages and targeted social media campaigns.

## **4.2 Curbside Enforcement**

A new category will be introduced on collection education rejection stickers specifically related to Compostable Waste in the garbage stream. HRM's Operations Team will work with contracted haulers to review inspection protocols for the presence of these banned materials in the garbage stream. The Operations Team will complete curbside audits on the performance of the haulers in appropriately rejecting garbage curbside with a focus on Compostable Waste, bag limits, privacy bag limits, and HSW. Furthermore, there will be a focus on ensuring that recyclable white goods are being collected by a separate vehicle (i.e., for the purposes of diversion at Otter Lake).

These collective efforts will also support identifying dwellings where Feedback Monitoring is warranted.

## **4.3 Landfill Operations**

Otter Lake is operated by Mirror NS and accepts both residential and Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) waste streams. Following acceptance of this Compliance Plan by NSECC, residential waste will go directly to the Residual Disposal Facility (RDF) tip face and ICI material will continue to be directed to the Transfer Station and removed from the facility. Existing procedures for waste receiving and unacceptable materials identification will remain largely unchanged with some new steps required to inspect residential waste at the RDF tip face. For the purposes of this this Compliance Plan, unacceptable waste is considered as Compostable Waste, white / bulky goods, and HSW.

Mirror NS works diligently to ensure unacceptable wastes are not delivered to the facility, and if they are delivered, that they are handled appropriately and removed from the waste stream if possible. A sign is maintained at the facility entrance indicating what types of waste are prohibited and regular waste haulers are provided with communications outlining site policy and prohibited wastes. Vehicles containing waste that enter the facility proceed to the scale house where the

driver is questioned about the waste source and type. If unacceptable materials are identified at the scale house the load will be rejected or partially rejected (i.e., unacceptable material will not be offloaded).

Waste is also visually inspected once it is unloaded at either the RDF working face or Transfer Station tip floor. Loads containing primarily Compostable Waste (by visual inspection) will be identified and if the waste is segregable the compostable portion may be loaded back into the haulers vehicle for removal from the site. If the Compostable Waste is not segregable, photos and a warning report will be completed. This information will supplement the Compostable Waste information collected during the Performance Audits and allow HRM to complete targeted education (e.g., feedback monitoring) as required.

Visually identified white goods or bulky wastes that can be recycled and that can be safely removed from the working face will be removed with the use of heavy equipment. Materials that are removed will be temporarily stored close to the working face before being transferred to the White Goods Storage Area. Additionally, white goods or bulky wastes that can be recycled that are received at public drop off are directed to a dedicated roll-off container. Once full, the contents of this roll-off container are transferred to the White Goods Storage Area. Visually identified HSW will be removed from the working face if it can be done safely. Materials removed will be temporarily stored close to the working face before being transferred to the Hazardous Waste Storage Area. From there they will be removed from the site by a third-party contractor.

The following are the response procedures to be used after identification of unacceptable materials. If unacceptable materials are declared by the driver of the delivery vehicle:

- The vehicle will be held at the scalehouse.
- The General Manager or Supervisor or trained employee will be contacted to complete Waste Discrepancy Report (WDR) containing:
  - Drivers name and vehicle license number.
  - Drivers name and vehicle license number.
  - Hauling Company name and address.
  - Type and origin of materials as identified by driver.
  - Provide with WDR and reject load.

If unacceptable materials are identified during unloading:

- Unloading will be stopped.
- The Transfer Station Supervisor or RDF Traffic Spotter will complete a WDR as above.
- The driver will be instructed to re-load unacceptable material for its removal from the Facility.
- Where the driver is unable to re-load the unacceptable material, Mirror NS will aid in this function.
- The load will be rejected

It is acknowledged that WDRs are typically generated for ICI loads given current robust protocols for residential waste which is inspected and rejected curbside, as needed, due to HRM service

standards for contracted residential haulers. Regardless, any residential loads that are noted to contain unacceptable materials will be identified and communicated to HRM regularly to allow for further targeted education (e.g., Feedback Monitoring).

## Section 5 – Compliance Plan Summary and Timelines

The updated Municipal Approval requires the following prior to the deactivation of the FEP/WSF as outlined in Approval Condition 13 which states:

### **13. Site Specific Conditions**

- a. *Prior to the discontinuation of use of the FEP and WSF, the Approval Holder(s) shall submit to the Department a Compliance Plan detailing how the facility will achieve its Performance Targets, complete with milestone dates, as stated in Section 12, on or before July 02, 2022, or as amended in writing by the Administrator.*
- i. *At the direction of the Department, the Approval Holder(s) shall revise the Compliance Plan until accepted by the Department.*
- ii. *The FEP and WSF shall continue to be required components of the operation of this Facility until written notification is received by the Approval Holder(s) from the Department confirming acceptance of the Compliance Plan.*

As noted in Section 2, based on the Performance Audits completed in May and August 2022, Compostable Waste was determined to be 10.81%, slightly above the Performance Target of 10%. It is noted that a minimum of four quarterly Performance Audits are needed to baseline the composition of Compostable Waste, to address sample variation including temporal and seasonal considerations, and to fully assess compliance with the Performance Target.

Within 30 calendar days of completing the first four Performance Audits, HRM and Mirror NS propose that an update to this Compliance Plan be submitted to NSECC, specifically assessing meeting the Compostable Waste Performance Target of 10% and identifying timelines/milestones to meet the Performance Target (if required).

The table on the following page summarizes the activities identified in this Compliance Plan, including timelines, to support meeting all Approval Performance Targets.

**Table 5.1: Compliance Plan Summary and Timelines**

Waste Type	Initiative	New/ Modified Initiative	Details	Timeline
<b>Public Education</b>				
Compostable Waste	Campaign to reduce and divert Compostable Waste ( <i>Food Isn't Garbage</i> )	New	Campaign focused on reducing and diverting Compostable Waste. Will include social media, print, radio ads and media interviews.	Start: July 2022 Run: 2022 and 2023
Compostable Waste, HSW, White Goods	Feedback Monitoring by HRM Education Team (i.e., education targeted to individual dwellings)	Modified	Currently complete Feedback Monitoring based on Curbside Monitoring Program. To complete additional feedback monitoring based on Curbside Enforcement and Landfill Operations.	Ongoing
HSW	HSW Promotion/Education	Modified	Campaign addressing disposal options, including for left over paint (including aerosol containers), batteries, propane cylinders, and used motor oil.	Start: July 2022 Run: 2022 and 2023
<b>Curbside Enforcement</b>				
Compostable Waste	Implement new stickering category - Compostable Waste	New	Create new category on education rejection stickers for Compostable Waste. Used for curbside collection enforcement.	Implement by October 3, 2022
Compostable Waste, HSW, White Goods	Curbside Monitoring by HRM Operations Team	Modified	Previous monitoring focused on operational aspects such as health and safety. Modified initiative to periodically audit routes for hauler performance in applying education rejection stickers and verifying separate collection of white goods.	Implement by October 3, 2022
<b>Landfill Operations</b>				

Waste Type	Initiative	New/ Modified Initiative	Details	Timeline
Compostable Waste, HSW, White Goods	Inspection of Incoming Loads/Tipped Loads and Rejections/Issuance of Waste Discrepancy Reports.	Modified	Continuation of inspection program at Otter Lake. Modified to reflect deactivation of the FEP/WSF with loads being directly tipped at the landfill.	Modified procedures to coincide with deactivation of the FEP/WSF
<b>Compliance Plan</b>				
N/A	Provide update to Compliance Plan after four Performance Audits are completed.	New	<p>Performance Audits completed in May and August 2022 showed Compostable Waste to be 10.11%, slightly above the Performance Target of 10%. Four quarterly Performance Audits are needed to fully assess and baseline the composition of Compostable Waste.</p> <p>Within 30 calendar days of completing four Performance Audits, HRM and Mirror NS propose an update to this Compliance Plan be submitted to NSECC, specifically assessing audit results against the Compostable Waste Performance Target of 10% and identifying timelines/milestones to meet the Performance Target (if required).</p>	<p>Performance Audits planned for: May 2022 Aug 2022 Nov 2022 Feb 2023</p> <p>Update to Compliance Plan to be submitted within 30 calendar days to NSECC upon completing the fourth Performance Audit.</p>

**Attachment 1 – May and August 2022 Performance  
Audit Reports, Strum Consulting**



June 22, 2022

**Mr. Steve Copp**  
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Dear Mr. Copp,

**Re: Initial Performance Audit**  
**Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility**

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In May 2022, Strum Consulting was retained by Mirror Nova Scotia Limited (Mirror) to oversee an Initial Performance Audit at the Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility (Otter Lake) located at 600 Otter Lake Drive in Lakeside, NS.

The purpose of the Initial Performance Audit is to establish a baseline for future waste auditing purposes. This letter report provides a summary of the Initial Performance Audit completed on May 19, 2022.

### **Background**

In March 2022, Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change (NSECC) issued an updated Municipal Approval for Otter Lake, allowing the Front End Processor and Waste Stabilization Facility (FEP/WSF) to be deactivated upon the submission and acceptance of a Compliance Plan in accordance with the Approval requirements.

As per the Approval, the Performance Targets for Otter Lake include (but are not limited to) compostable waste not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total amount of municipal solid waste landfilled, by mass. Prior to the deactivation of the FEP and WSF, the submitted Compliance Plan must include details of how Performance Targets will be achieved. The Compliance Plan also outlines how Performance Audits will be completed as a means to quantify the presence of compostable waste banned from landfill disposal which is being received at Otter Lake.

Given the above, Performance Audits will be completed to characterize the composition of compostable waste in the incoming residential waste stream and to assess compliance with Performance Targets. To establish a baseline for future Performance Audits, an Initial Performance Audit was completed which is detailed in this report.

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## Methodology

The methodology followed for the Initial Performance Audit reflects best practices identified in the Divert NS Waste Audit Manual and Field Procedures Guide (2017), as well as site specific processes established by Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), and is summarized below.

### Sample Load Identification

Residential curbside collection is divided into eight collection areas in HRM and condominium properties which are also considered to be residential. The geographic descriptions of the various areas are described in Table A, below.

**Table A: Collection Area Descriptions**

Waste Collection Area	Area Description
1	Halifax (former city limits); Spryfield
2	Dartmouth (former city limits)
3	Bedford; Hammonds Plains; Pockwock
4	Beechville-Timberlea; Herring Cove; Prospect; Peggy's Cove; St. Margaret's Bay to Hubbards
5	Sackville; Beaver Bank; Rall River; Waverley, Wellington; Dutch Settlement
6	Cole Harbour; Westphal; Cherry Brook; Eastern Passage; Cow Bay
7	Porters Lake; Lawrencetown; Chezzetcook; Lake Echo; Preston
8	Middle Musquodoboit; Musquodoboit Harbour; Elderbank; Sheet Harbour; Eastern Shore
Condos	Multi-residential style properties located in various communities

Based on residential curbside collection schedules for each specific collection areas and the scheduled audit date and time, sample loads are selected ahead of time by HRM staff. A random number generator is used to choose which vehicle would be sampled. One sample from each of the eight curbside collection areas and one sample from condos were assessed as part of the Initial Performance Audit.

The selected loads were visually inspected on the top floor upon arrival and photographs were taken as shown in the attached photo log. The following information was recorded for each load:

- Collection vehicle and route numbers
- Date/Time of arrival
- Date/Time sample taken
- Gross and tare weight of truck
- Weight of sample
- Number/type of bulky items observed
- Names of persons taking the sample
- Date/Time of sorting

### Sample Size

Once emptied from the vehicle, multiple sections of the load were selected in order to draw a sample that was representative of the load. Each sample was to contain a mix of clear and black bags. Sections containing significant amounts of construction waste or bulky items were avoided. Containers shown in Photo 2 (Attachment 1) were used to collect a sample between 90 and 135 kg. This data, as well as dates/times and categorization of materials, were recorded by Strum staff during the Performance Audit.

Photographs (Attachment 1) of the auditing process, records documenting the identifying information of each vehicle sampled (scale tickets - Attachment 2), and the Performance Audit Record field data sheets (Attachment 3) are attached to this report.

### Material Categories

The categories that were used to define the different types of compostable waste are consistent with the Approval and are outlined below in Table B.

**Table B: Compostable Waste Sorting Categories**

Category	Sub-Category	Examples
Fibre	Newsprint/Paper	The Chronicle Herald, The Coast, Masthead News, The Cobequid/Dartmouth/Cole Harbour Wire, flyers
	Corrugated Cardboard/Boxboard	Consumer boxes (e.g., from appliances, storage, filing, and shipping)
Organics	Food Waste	Whole vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, leftover food waste, egg shells, peels, oils, bones, fat, packaged food if most of it consists of food
	Yard Waste	Grass, leaves, brush, branches, wood chips, soil

Materials which did not fall into one of the above noted categories were counted, weighed, and categorized as other garbage.

### Sorting Procedure

The sorting team consisted of three to five Mirror staff. All staff was briefed on the sorting protocols, including familiarity with example materials for each sorting category. Strum staff was designated as "Lead" and was responsible for quality control and data collection.

The audit space consisted of an open area set up with tables for sorting waste materials, containers clearly labeled for each of the waste categories, and digital scales for weighing the waste materials. The containers used for sorting were weighted prior to commencing the audit and recorded on the data sheets to allow for net sample weights to be determined.

To maintain consistency, the Lead was responsible for weighing and recording the data on dedicated data sheets for each area, each time a container was filled. The process continued for each respective area until the full sample was properly sorted and weighed.

### Initial Performance Audit Summary

A summary of the May 2022 Initial Performance Audit completed at Otter Lake is provided below in Table C. As previously mentioned, the Initial Performance Audit field data sheets containing the data collected respective to each waste collection area during the audit are attached to this report as Attachment 3.

**Table C: Initial Performance Audit Results**

Waste Collection Area	Category Percentage (%)					
	Garbage/Residue	Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	Organics - Food/Putrescible Waste	Organics - Yard Waste	Total Compostable Waste
1	83.97%	1.67%	0.49%	13.07%	0.17%	15.40%
2	88.99%	1.94%	1.41%	7.09%	0.00%	10.44%
3	95.96%	1.07%	1.73%	1.07%	0.00%	3.87%
4	96.37%	0.81%	1.90%	0.56%	0.00%	3.27%
5	93.49%	0.27%	0.14%	5.55%	0.38%	6.34%
6	96.33%	0.73%	1.27%	1.35%	0.04%	3.39%
7	95.67%	0.12%	1.24%	2.60%	0.00%	3.96%
8	92.72%	1.80%	2.30%	2.80%	0.00%	6.90%
Condos	89.64%	0.59%	0.81%	6.80%	2.34%	10.54%

Notes: 1. Total compostable waste percentage based on aggregate of four compostable waste category percentages.

The above-noted data collected during the May 2022 Initial Performance Audit will be utilized to establish a baseline for future waste auditing purposes.

Using the data in Table C above, the total compostable waste percentage ranged from a minimum of 3.27% (Area 4) to a maximum of 15.4% (Area 1), with a mean of 7.12% based on only nine (9) samples being collected during the May 2022 Initial Performance Audit. As additional sampling will be completed during future audits, it is expected that the statistical data will vary as more data becomes available.

### Overall Compostable Waste

As shown in Table D below, given the compostable waste percentage per area calculated during the May 2022 Initial Performance Audit and the three year average of waste tonnage per area, the estimated compostable waste tonnage per year has been calculated. Using the totals of the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (3,918.84 tonnes) and the three year waste average total (48,923.20 tonnes), the Compostable Waste Percentage is calculated to be 8.01%.

**Table D: Estimated Annual Compostable Waste**

Waste Collection Area	Three Year Waste Average (Tonnes)	Three Year Waste Average (% Total)	Total Compostable Waste % from May 2022 Audit	Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (Tonnes)
1	9918.30	20.27%	15.4%	1527.42
2	6866.42	14.04%	10.44%	716.85
3	4358.45	8.91%	3.87%	168.67
4	5304.70	10.84%	3.27%	173.46
5	8372.02	17.11%	6.34%	530.79
6	5130.17	10.49%	3.39%	173.96
7	2962.13	6.05%	3.96%	117.30
8	3383.67	6.92%	6.90%	233.47
Condos	2627.33	5.37%	10.54%	276.92
TOTAL	48923.20	100.00%	N/A	3918.84
Compostable Waste Percentage = $(3918.84/48923.20) \times 100 = 8.01\%$				

Notes: 1. Data used to calculate three year average provided by Mirror and included tonnage from the fiscal years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022.

By completing a statistical analysis of the data in Table D above, the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste per area ranged from a minimum of 117.30 tonnes (Area 7) to a maximum of 1527.42 tonnes (Area 1), with a mean of 435.43 tonnes and standard deviation of 454.97 tonnes.

At 95% confidence interval, the Estimated Average Annual Compostable Waste tonnage per area is calculated to be between 85.71 tonnes (lower bound) and 785.15 tonnes (upper bound). The confidence interval was calculated by subtracting/adding the calculated 95% confidence level (349.72) from the mean (435.43 tonnes). By dividing the lower bound (85.71 tonnes) and upper bound (785.15 tonnes) of the 95% confidence interval by the Total Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (3,918.84 tonnes), and multiplying the values by 100, the percentage of Estimated Annual Compostable Waste is calculated to be between 2.19% and 20.04%.

The above noted statistical analysis is based on the nine samples collected during the May 2022 Initial Performance Audit. As additional sampling will be completed during future audits, it is expected that the statistical data will vary as more data becomes available. As noted previously, the data collected during the May 2022 Initial Performance Audit will be utilized to establish a baseline for future waste auditing purposes.

## Closure

This report was prepared by Danielle Graves, B.E.S., Field Coordinator and reviewed by James Foley, P.Geo., Project Manager. Should additional information become available, Strum requests that this information be brought to our attention immediately so that we can re-assess the conclusions presented in this report.

This Report and any use of the Report is subject to the terms herein (see attached Statement of Qualifications and Limitations).

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you,



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James Foley, P.Geo.  
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ATTACHMENT 1  
PHOTO LOG

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Photo 1: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 1. Photo taken on May 16, 2022.



Photo 2: Waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 1. Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 3: Food Waste bin #1 sorted from HRM collection area 1. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 4: Food waste bin #2 sorted from HRM collection area 1. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 5: Fiber-OCC sorted from HRM collection area 1.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 6: Fiber- Newspaper/Paper bin #1 sorted from HRM collection area 1.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 7: Fiber- Newspaper/Paper bin #2 sorted from HRM collection area 1.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 8: Garbage/Residue sorted from HRM collection area 1.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 9: Waste pile from HRM collections area 2.  
Photo collected May 13, 2022



Photo 10: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 2.  
Photo collected May 13, 2022.



Photo 11: Waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 2.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 12: Food waste bin sorted from HRM collection area 2.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 13: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 2.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 14: Fiber – OCC bin sorted from HRM collection area 2.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 15: Weighing of Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 2.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 16: Waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 3.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 17: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 3. Photo taken on May 12, 2022.



Photo 18: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 3. Photo collected May 12, 2022.



Photo 19: Food waste bin sorted from HRM collection area 3. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.

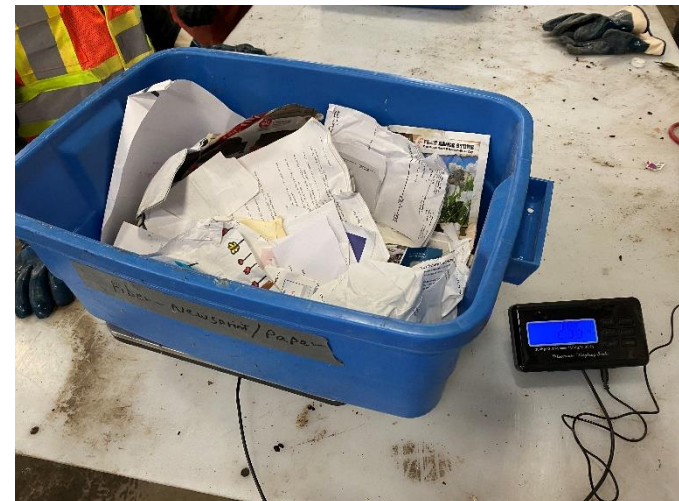


Photo 20: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 3. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 21: Fiber – OCC bin #1 sorted from HRM collection area 3.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 22: Fiber – OCC bin #2 sorted from HRM collection area 3.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 23: Weighing of Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 3.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 24: Waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 4.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 25: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 4. Photo taken on May 13, 2022.



Photo 26: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 4. Photo collected May 13, 2022.



Photo 27: Food waste bin sorted from HRM collection area 4. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 28: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 4. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 29: Fiber – OCC bin #1 sorted from HRM collection area 4.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 30: Fiber – OCC bin #2 sorted from HRM collection area 4.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 31: Weighing of Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 4.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 32: Weighing of waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 5.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 33: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 5. Photo taken on May 16, 2022.



Photo 34: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 5. Photo collected May 16, 2022.



Photo 35: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection area 5. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 36: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 5. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 37: Fiber – OCC bin sorted from HRM collection area 5.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 38: Yard waste bin sorted from HRM collection area 5.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 39: Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 5.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 40: Weighing of waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 6.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 41: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 6. Photo taken on May 16, 2022.



Photo 42: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 6. Photo collected May 16, 2022.



Photo 43: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection area 6. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 44: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 6. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 45: Fiber – OCC bin sorted from HRM collection area 6.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 46: Yard waste bin sorted from HRM collection area 6.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 47: Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 6.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 48: Weighing of waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 7.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 49: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 7. Photo taken on May 12, 2022.



Photo 50: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 7. Photo collected May 12, 2022.



Photo 51: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection area 7. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 52: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 7. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 53: Fiber – OCC bin #1 sorted from HRM collection area 7.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 54: Fiber – OCC bin #2 sorted from HRM collection area 7.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 55: Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 7.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 56: Weighing of waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 8.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 57: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 8. Photo taken on May 12, 2022.



Photo 58: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 8. Photo collected May 12, 2022.



Photo 59: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection area 8. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.

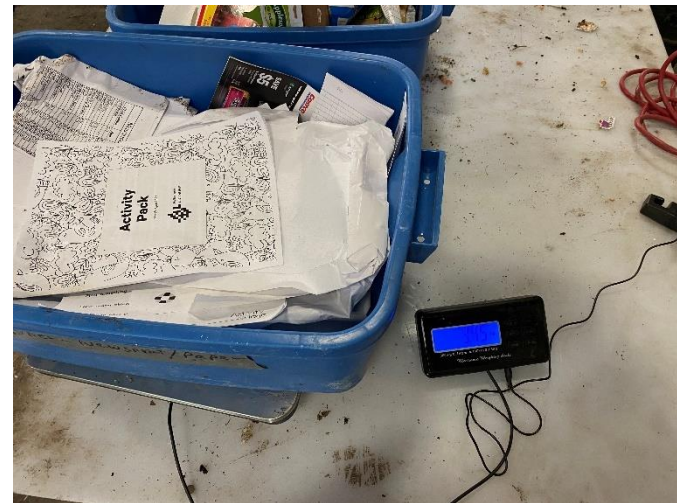


Photo 60: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 8. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 61: Fiber – OCC bin #1 sorted from HRM collection area 8.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.

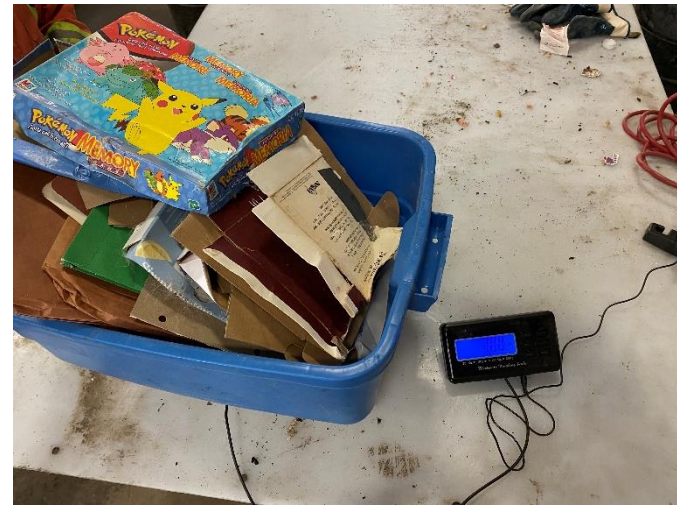


Photo 62: Fiber – OCC bin #2 sorted from HRM collection area 8.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 63: Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 8.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 64: Weighing of waste audit sample collected from HRM collection area 9.  
Photo taken on May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 65: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection area 9. Photo taken on May 13, 2022.



Photo 66: Waste audit sample from HRM collection area 9. Photo collected May 13, 2022.



Photo 67: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection area 9. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 68: Fiber – Newspaper/ Paper bin sorted from HRM collection area 9. Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 69: Fiber – OCC bin sorted from HRM collection area 9.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 70: Yard waste bin sorted from HRM collection area 9.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 71: Garbage/Residue bin sorted from HRM collection area 8.  
Photo taken May 19, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 72: Empty waste audit collection bin. Photo taken May 19, 2022  
after successful completion of waste audit waste audit.

ATTACHMENT 2  
SCALE TICKETS

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## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE1044  
License Plate: 57-424-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 1 HALIFAX  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 075699  
05/16/2022 11:33:03  
Clerk: JLC  
Gross Weight: 21,910 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,630 (kg)  
Net Weight: 5,280 (kg)  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: RE2091  
License Plate: PR41474  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 2 DARTMOUTH  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 075649  
05/13/2022 11:02:24  
Clerk: JLC  
Gross Weight: 23,580 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,140 (kg)  
Net Weight: 7,440 (kg)  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: RE2105  
License Plate: 44-096-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 3 BEDFORD/HAMMONDS PLAINS  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 075606  
05/12/2022 11:57:46  
Clerk: JLC  
Gross Weight: 24,630 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,070 (kg)  
Net Weight: 8,560 (kg)  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: GFL007  
License Plate: 45362D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 4 WESTERN COUNTY  
Invoice: 0402150  
GFL Environmental Inc

Scale Slip: 075656  
05/13/2022 11:56:04  
Clerk: JLC  
Gross Weight: 25,600 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,880 (kg)  
Net Weight: 8,720 (kg)  
  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: RE1035  
License Plate: 55-579-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 5 SACKVILLE/FALL RIVER  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 075715  
05/16/2022 14:40:48  
Clerk: JLC  
Gross Weight: 24,210 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,530 (kg)  
Net Weight: 7,680 (kg)  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00



## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE1041

License Plate: 57-421-D

Vaste Type: residential

Origin: 6 COLE HARBOUR/EASTERN PASSAGE

Invoice: 0400927

Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip:

075700

05/16/2022 12:06:08

Clerk:

JLC

Gross Weight:

26,090 (kg)

Tare Weight:

16,600 (kg)

Net Weight:

9,490 (kg)

Total:

\$0.00

\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: MW6830  
License Plate: 56483D  
Waste Type: residential

Origin: PRESTON/LAWRENCETOWN/LAKE ECHO

Invoice: 0188466  
MILLER WASTE SYSTEMS

Scale Slip: 075621  
05/12/2022 14:48:58  
Clerk: JLC

Gross Weight: 20,590 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 19,610 (kg)  
Net Weight: 980 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: ES4038  
License Plate: 48770D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 8 EASTERN COUNTY  
Invoice: 0028092

**EASTERN SHORE CARTAGE**

Scale Slip: 075626  
05/12/2022 15:33:51  
Clerk: JLC  
Gross Weight: 20,770 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 15,700 (kg)  
Net Weight: 5,070 (kg)  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: MW4117

License Plate: 50123D

Waste Type: residential

Origin: BEDFORD SACKVILLE CONDOS

Invoice: 0188466

MILLER WASTE SYSTEMS

Scale Slip: 075648

05/13/2022 10:56:33

Clerk: JLC

Gross Weight: 19,660 (kg) MAN WT

Tare Weight: 17,360 (kg)

Net Weight: 2,300 (kg)

Total:

\$0.00

\$0.00

ATTACHMENT 3  
FIELD DATA SHEETS

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## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 1  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 9 AM - 9:45 AM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)  
 SORTER NAMES George Brown  
 Dez Smith  
 Patrick Barringer

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 193.50  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 50.00  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 143.50  
 # OF BULK WASTE OBSERVED 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	1.) 38.00    2.) 50.00	125.00	83.50	120.50
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	2.75	1.85	2.40
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	1.80	N/A	0.70
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	16.50	4.45	18.75
Yard Waste	1.10	1.35	N/A	0.25

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	208.50	88.00	120.50	<b>83.97</b>
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	4.60	2.20	2.40	<b>1.67</b>
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.80	1.10	0.70	<b>0.49</b>
Food/Putrescible Waste	20.95	2.20	18.75	<b>13.07</b>
Yard Waste	1.35	1.10	0.25	<b>0.17</b>
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.90	<b>0.63</b>

**FIELD NOTES:** One bag had an abundance of food waste. Two different sized empty bins used for garbage/residue.

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID RE1044  
 Collection Area 1 Halifax  
 Date 5/16/2022  
 Ticket Time 11:33:03  
 Gross Weight (kg) 21,910  
 Tare Weight (kg) 16,630  
 Net Weight (kg) 5,280

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

<b>WASTE COLLECTION AREA</b>	2	<b>SUPERVISOR NAME</b>	Patrick Avery (Strum)
<b>DATE</b>	Thursday, May 19, 2022		
<b>TIME</b>	10:55 AM - 11:15 AM	<b>SORTER NAMES</b>	Aaron Deveau George Brown Dez Smith Patrick Barringer
<b>GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)</b>	165.00		
<b>BIN WEIGHT (KG)</b>	51.50		
<b>TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG)</b>	113.50		
<b># OF BULK WASTE ITEMS</b>	0		

MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
		BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	50.50	151.00	N/A	101.00
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	3.30	N/A	2.20
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.70	N/A	1.60
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	9.15	N/A	8.05
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	N/A	0.00

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	151.00	50.50	101.00	88.99
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	3.30	1.10	2.20	1.94
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	2.70	1.10	1.60	1.41
Food/Putrescible Waste	9.15	1.10	8.05	7.09
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.65	0.57

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	RE2091
Collection Area	2 Dartmouth
Date	5/13/2022
Ticket Time	11:02:24
Gross Weight (kg)	23,580
Tare Weight (kg)	16,140
Net Weight (kg)	7,440

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 3  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 11:18 AM - 11:40 AM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)

SORTER NAMES Aaron Deveau  
 George Brown  
 Dez Smith  
 Patrick Barringer

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 187.00  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 51.00  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 136.00  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	51.50	182.00	N/A	130.50
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	2.55	N/A	1.45
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.10	2.45	2.35
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	2.55	N/A	1.45
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	N/A	0.00

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	182.00	51.50	130.50	95.96
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.55	1.10	1.45	1.07
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	2.10	1.10	2.35	1.73
Food/Putrescible Waste	2.55	1.10	1.45	1.07
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.25	0.18

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID RE2105  
 Collection Area 3 Bedford/Hammonds Plains  
 Date 5/12/2022  
 Ticket Time 11:57:46  
 Gross Weight (kg) 24,630  
 Tare Weight (kg) 16,070  
 Net Weight (kg) 8,560



## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 4  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 11:40 AM - 12:00 PM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)

SORTER NAMES Aaron Deveau  
 George Brown  
 Dez Smith  
 Patrick Barringer

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 175.00  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 51.00  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 124.00  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	51.00	170.50	N/A	119.50
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	2.10	N/A	1.00
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.40	2.15	2.35
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	1.80	N/A	0.70
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	N/A	0.00

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	170.50	51.00	119.50	96.37
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.10	1.10	1.00	0.81
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	4.55	1.10	2.35	1.90
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.80	1.10	0.70	0.56
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.45	0.36

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID GFL007  
 Collection Area 4 Western County  
 Date 5/13/2022  
 Ticket Time 11:56:04  
 Gross Weight (kg) 25,600  
 Tare Weight (kg) 16,880  
 Net Weight (kg) 8,720

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 5  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 10:05 AM - 10:30 AM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)  
  
 SORTER NAMES Frankie Jackson  
 George Brown  
 Dez Smith  
 Patrick Barringer

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 196.00  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 50.00  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 146.00  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	50.00	186.50	N/A	136.50
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	1.50	N/A	0.40
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	1.30	N/A	0.20
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	9.20	N/A	8.10
Yard Waste	1.10	1.65	N/A	0.55

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	186.50	50.00	136.50	93.49
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.50	1.10	0.40	0.27
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.30	1.10	0.20	0.14
Food/Putrescible Waste	9.20	1.10	8.10	5.55
Yard Waste	1.65	1.10	0.55	0.38
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.25	0.17

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID RE1035  
 Collection Area 5 Sackville/Fall River  
 Date 5/16/2022  
 Ticket Time 14:40:48  
 Gross Weight (kg) 24,210  
 Tare Weight (kg) 16,530  
 Net Weight (kg) 7,680

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 6  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 10:30 AM - 10:50 AM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)  
  
 SORTER NAMES Frankie Jackson  
 George Brown  
 Dez Smith  
 Patrick Barringer

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 173.00  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 50.50  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 122.50  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	50.00	168.00	N/A	118.00
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	2.00	N/A	0.90
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.65	N/A	1.55
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	2.75	N/A	1.65
Yard Waste	1.10	1.15	N/A	0.05

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	168.00	50.00	118.00	96.33
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.00	1.10	0.90	0.73
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	2.65	1.10	1.55	1.27
Food/Putrescible Waste	2.75	1.10	1.65	1.35
Yard Waste	1.15	1.10	0.05	0.04
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.35	0.29

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID RE1041  
 Collection Area 6 Cole Harbour/Eastern Passage  
 Date 5/16/2022  
 Ticket Time 12:06:08  
 Gross Weight (kg) 26,090  
 Tare Weight (kg) 16,600  
 Net Weight (kg) 9,490

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 7  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 12:35 PM - 12:55 PM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)

SORTER NAMES Patrick B.  
 Aaron Deveaux  
 Dez Smith  
 George Brown  
 Frankie jackson

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 211.50  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 50.00  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 161.50  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	51.00	205.50	N/A	154.50
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	1.30	N/A	0.20
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.60	1.60	2.00
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	5.30	N/A	4.20
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	N/A	0.00

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	205.50	51.00	154.50	95.67
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.30	1.10	0.20	0.12
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	4.20	2.20	2.00	1.24
Food/Putrescible Waste	5.30	1.10	4.20	2.60
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.60	0.37

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID MW6830  
 Collection Area Preston/Lawrencetown/Lake Echo  
 Date 5/12/2022  
 Ticket Time 14:48:58  
 Gross Weight (kg) 20,590  
 Tare Weight (kg) 19,610  
 Net Weight (kg) 980

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA 8  
 DATE Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME 1:00 PM - 1:10 PM

SUPERVISOR NAME Patrick Avery (Strum)

SORTER NAMES Patrick B.  
 Aaron Deveaux  
 Dez Smith  
 George Brown  
 Frankie jackson

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG) 181.00  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG) 50.50  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG) 130.50  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS 0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	50.00	171.00	N/A	121.00
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	3.45	N/A	2.35
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.20	3.00	3.00
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	4.75	N/A	3.65
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	N/A	0.00

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	171.00	50.00	121.00	92.72
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	3.45	1.10	2.35	1.80
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	5.20	1.10	3.00	2.30
Food/Putrescible Waste	4.75	1.10	3.65	2.80
Yard Waste	1.10	1.10	0.00	0.00
		LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)	0.50	0.38

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID ES4038  
 Collection Area 8 Eastern County  
 Date 5/12/2022  
 Ticket Time 15:33:51  
 Gross Weight (kg) 20,770  
 Tare Weight (kg) 15,700  
 Net Weight (kg) 5,070

## PERFORMANCE AUDIT RECORD

WASTE COLLECTION AREA      Condos  
 DATE      Thursday, May 19, 2022  
 TIME      1:10 PM - 1:30 PM

SUPERVISOR NAME      Patrick Avery (Strum)

SORTER NAMES      Patrick B.  
 Aaron Deveaux  
 Dez Smith  
 George Brown  
 Frankie Jackson

GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)      161.50  
 BIN WEIGHT (KG)      50.50  
 TRASH SAMPLE NET WEIGHT (KG)      111.00  
 # OF BULK WASTE ITEMS      0

		GROSS TOTAL SEPARATED SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)		NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)
MATERIAL	EMPTY BIN WEIGHT (KG)	BIN 1	BIN 2	
Garbage/Residue	50.50	150.00	N/A	99.50
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.10	1.75	N/A	0.65
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	1.10	2.00	3.00	0.90
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.10	8.65	N/A	7.35
Yard Waste	1.10	3.70	N/A	2.60

MATERIAL	GROSS SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	TOTAL WEIGHT OF BINS (KG)	NET SAMPLE WEIGHT (KG)	WASTE (%)
Garbage/Residue	150.00	50.50	99.50	89.64
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.75	1.10	0.65	0.59
Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	2.00	1.10	0.90	0.81
Food/Putrescible Waste	8.65	1.10	7.55	6.80
Yard Waste	3.70	1.10	2.60	2.34
LOST MASS UPON FINAL WEIGH-IN (KG)			-0.20	-0.18

**FIELD NOTES:** A clean-up of the work area is expected to have caused the additional mass reported.

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID      MW4117  
 Collection Area      Bedford Sackville Condos  
 Date      5/13/2022  
 Ticket Time      10:56:33  
 Gross Weight (kg)      19,660  
 Tare Weight (kg)      17,360  
 Net Weight (kg)      2,300



November 4, 2022

**Mr. Steve Copp**  
**Mirror Nova Scotia Limited**  
600 Otter Lake Drive  
Lakeside, NS B3T 2E2

Dear Mr. Copp,

**Re: August 2022 Performance Audit**  
**Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility**

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In August 2022, Strum Consulting was retained by Mirror Nova Scotia Limited (Mirror) to oversee a Performance Audit at the Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility (Otter Lake) located at 600 Otter Lake Drive in Lakeside, NS.

The purpose of the Performance Audit was to characterize the incoming residential waste stream and assess the percentage of compostable waste in this stream by mass. This letter report provides a summary of the Performance Audit completed on August 30, 2022 and includes a statistical analysis of the performance audit data collected to date.

### **Background**

In March 2022, Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change (NSECC) issued an updated Municipal Approval for Otter Lake, allowing the Front End Processor and Waste Stabilization Facility (FEP/WSF) to be deactivated upon the submission and acceptance of a Compliance Plan in accordance with the Approval requirements.

As per the Approval, the Performance Targets for Otter Lake include (but are not limited to) compostable waste not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total amount of municipal solid waste landfilled, by mass. Prior to the deactivation of the FEP and WSF, the submitted Compliance Plan must include details of how Performance Targets will be achieved. The Compliance Plan also outlines how Performance Audits will be completed as a means to quantify the presence of compostable waste being received at Otter Lake.

Given the above, quarterly Performance Audits will be completed to characterize the composition of compostable waste in the incoming residential waste stream and to assess compliance with Performance Targets.

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## Methodology

The methodology followed for the August 2022 Performance Audit reflects best practices identified in the Divert NS Waste Audit Manual and Field Procedures Guide (2017), as well as site specific processes established by Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), and is summarized below.

### Sample Load Identification

Residential curbside collection is divided into eight collection areas in HRM and condominium properties which are also considered to be residential. The geographic descriptions of the various areas are described in Table A, below.

**Table A: Collection Area Descriptions**

Waste Collection Area	Area Description
1	Halifax (former city limits); Spryfield
2	Dartmouth (former city limits)
3	Bedford; Hammonds Plains; Pockwock
4	Beechville-Timberlea; Herring Cove; Prospect; Peggy's Cove; St. Margaret's Bay to Hubbards
5	Sackville; Beaver Bank; Rall River; Waverley, Wellington; Dutch Settlement
6	Cole Harbour; Westphal; Cherry Brook; Eastern Passage; Cow Bay
7	Porters Lake; Lawrencetown; Chezzetcook; Lake Echo; Preston
8	Middle Musquodoboit; Musquodoboit Harbour; Elderbank; Sheet Harbour; Eastern Shore
Condos	Multi-residential style properties located in various communities

Based on residential curbside collection schedules for each specific collection area and the scheduled audit date and time, sample loads are selected ahead of time by HRM staff. A random number generator is used to choose which vehicle would be sampled. One sample from each of the eight curbside collection areas and one sample from condos were assessed as part of the August 2022 Performance Audit.

The selected loads were visually inspected on the tip floor upon arrival and photographs were taken as shown in the attached photo log. The following information was recorded for each load:

- Collection vehicle and route numbers
- Date/Time of arrival
- Date/Time sample taken
- Gross and tare weight of truck
- Weight of sample
- Number/type of bulky items observed
- Names of persons taking the sample
- Date/Time of sorting

### Sample Size

Photographs of the auditing process are provided as Attachment 1. Once emptied from the vehicle, multiple sections of the load were selected in order to draw a sample that was representative of the load. Each sample was to contain a mix of clear and black bags. Containers shown in Photo 2 (Attachment 1) were used to collect a sample between 90 and 135 kg.

Records documenting the identifying information of each vehicle sampled (scale tickets - Attachment 2) and the Performance Audit Record field data sheets (Attachment 3) are also attached to this report.

### Material Categories

The categories that were used to define the different types of compostable waste are consistent with the Approval and are outlined below in Table B.

**Table B: Compostable Waste Sorting Categories**

Category	Sub-Category	Examples
Fibre	Newsprint/Paper	The Chronicle Herald, The Coast, Masthead News, The Cobequid/Dartmouth/Cole Harbour Wire, flyers
	Corrugated Cardboard/Boxboard	Consumer boxes (e.g., from appliances, storage, filing, and shipping)
Organics	Food Waste	Whole vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, leftover food waste, egg shells, peels, oils, bones, fat, packaged food if most of it consists of food
	Yard Waste	Grass, leaves, brush, branches, wood chips, soil

Materials which did not fall into one of the above noted categories were counted, weighed, and categorized as other garbage.

### Sorting Procedure

The sorting team consisted of several Mirror staff. All staff was briefed on the sorting protocols, including familiarity with example materials for each sorting category. Strum staff was designated as “Lead” and was responsible for quality control and data collection.

The audit space consisted of an open area set up with tables for sorting waste materials, containers clearly labeled for each of the waste categories, and digital scales for weighing the waste materials. The containers used for sorting were weighted prior to commencing the audit and recorded on the data sheets to allow for net sample weights to be determined.

To maintain consistency, the Lead was responsible for weighing and recording the data on dedicated data sheets for each area, each time a container was filled. The process continued for each respective area until the full sample was properly sorted and weighed.

## Previous Assessments

To establish a baseline for future Performance Audits, an Initial Performance Audit was completed in May 2022 as detailed in the Initial Performance Audit report (dated June 22, 2022). Using the data collected during the May 2022 Performance Audit, the total compostable waste percentage ranged from a minimum of 3.27% to a maximum of 15.4%, with a mean of 7.12%.

Further details of the May 2022 Performance Audit are provided in the above-noted report.

## August 2022 Performance Audit Summary

A summary of the August 2022 Performance Audit completed at Otter Lake is provided below in Table C. As previously mentioned, the August 2022 Performance Audit field data sheets containing the data collected respective to each waste collection area during the audit are attached to this report as Attachment 3.

**Table C: August 2022 Performance Audit Results**

Waste Collection Area	Category Percentage (%)					Total Compostable Waste
	Garbage/Residue	Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	Fibre - Corrugated Cardboard	Organics - Food/Putrescible Waste	Organics - Yard Waste	
1	86.51%	5.14%	3.97%	3.84%	0.14%	13.09%
2	79.26%	5.04%	5.26%	8.81%	1.41%	20.52%
3	80.68%	1.55%	5.15%	11.07%	1.55%	19.32%
4	87.31%	0.54%	1.62%	7.77%	2.46%	12.39%
5	87.65%	5.26%	2.55%	2.15%	2.07%	12.03%
6	93.75%	1.25%	2.32%	2.41%	0.00%	5.98%
7	92.20%	1.63%	2.37%	3.73%	0.07%	7.80%
8	83.14%	1.18%	2.04%	4.47%	8.71%	16.40%
Condos	87.50%	4.70%	3.10%	5.40%	0.00%	13.20%

Notes: 1. Total compostable waste percentage based on aggregate of four compostable waste category percentages.

Using the data in Table C above, the total compostable waste percentage ranged from a minimum of 5.98% (Area 6) to a maximum of 20.52% (Area 2), with a mean of 13.41% based on only nine (9) samples being collected during the August 2022 Performance Audit.

## Average Total Compostable Waste Percentage

A summary of the Total Compostable Waste percentage for the May 2022 and August 2022 Performance Audit completed at Otter Lake is provided below in Table D. Using this data, the Average Total Compostable Waste percentage was calculated for each area.

**Table D: Average Total Compostable Waste Percentage**

Waste Collection Area	May 2022 Total Compostable Waste	August 2022 Total Compostable Waste	Average Total Compostable Waste Per Area
1	15.40%	13.09%	14.25%
2	10.44%	20.52%	15.48%
3	3.87%	19.32%	11.60%
4	3.27%	12.39%	7.83%
5	6.34%	12.03%	9.19%
6	3.39%	5.98%	4.69%
7	3.96%	7.80%	5.88%
8	6.90%	16.40%	11.65%
Condos	10.54%	13.20%	11.87%

Notes: 1. Average total compostable waste percentage per area based on May 2022 and August 2022 Waste Audit Total Compostable Waste percentages.

Using the data in Table D above, the average total compostable waste percentage ranged from a minimum of 4.69% (Area 6) to a maximum of 15.48% (Area 2), with a mean of 10.27% based on a total of 18 samples being collected during the May 2022 Performance Audit and the August 2022 Performance Audit.

## Overall Compostable Waste

### August 2022

As shown in Table E below, given the August 2022 total compostable waste percentage per area and the three year average of waste tonnage per area, the estimated compostable waste tonnage per year has been calculated. Using the total of the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (6653.31 tonnes) and the three year waste average total (48,923.20 tonnes), the Compostable Waste Percentage is calculated to be 13.60%. Supporting data is provided as Table 1 (Attachment 4).

**Table E: Estimated Annual Compostable Waste based on August 2022 Data**

Waste Collection Area	Three Year Waste Average (Tonnes)	August 2022 Total Compostable Waste	Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (Tonnes)
1	9918.30	13.09%	1298.31
2	6866.42	20.52%	1408.99
3	4358.45	19.32%	842.05
4	5304.70	12.39%	657.25
5	8372.02	12.03%	1007.15
6	5130.17	5.98%	306.78
7	2962.13	7.80%	231.05
8	3383.67	16.40%	554.92
Condos	2627.33	13.20%	346.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48923.20</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6653.31</b>

**Compostable Waste Percentage = (6653.31/48923.20) X 100 = 13.60%**

Notes: 1. Data used to calculate three year average provided by Mirror and included tonnage from the fiscal years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022.

Based on the data in Table E above, the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste per area ranges from a minimum of 231.05 tonnes (Area 7) to a maximum of 1408.99 tonnes (Area 2), with a mean of 739.26 tonnes.

#### May and August 2022

As shown in Table F below, given the average (May and August 2022) total compostable waste percentage per area and the three year average of waste tonnage per area, the estimated compostable waste tonnage per year has been calculated. Using the totals of the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (5,287.45 tonnes) and the three year waste average total (48,923.20 tonnes), the Compostable Waste Percentage is calculated to be 10.81%. Supporting data is provided as Table 2 (Attachment 4).

**Table F: Estimated Annual Compostable Waste based on May and August 2022 Data**

Waste Collection Area	Three Year Waste Average (Tonnes)	Three Year Waste Average (% Total)	Average Total Compostable Waste % Per Area	Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (Tonnes)
1	9918.30	20.27%	14.25%	1413.36
2	6866.42	14.04%	15.48%	1062.92
3	4358.45	8.91%	11.60%	505.58
4	5304.70	10.84%	7.83%	415.36
5	8372.02	17.11%	9.19%	769.39
6	5130.17	10.49%	4.69%	240.60
7	2962.13	6.05%	5.88%	174.17
8	3383.67	6.92%	11.65%	394.20
Condos	2627.33	5.37%	11.87%	311.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48923.20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5287.45</b>
<b>Compostable Waste Percentage = (5287.45/48923.20) X 100 = 10.81%</b>				

Notes: 1. Data used to calculate three year average provided by Mirror and included tonnage from the fiscal years 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/2022.

Based on the data in Table F above, the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste per area ranges from a minimum of 174.17 tonnes (Area 7) to a maximum of 1413.36 tonnes (Area 1), with a mean of 587.34 tonnes.

#### **Descriptive Statistics**

A descriptive statistical analysis was completed on the Estimated Annual Compostable Waste tonnage calculated per area from the May 2022 Performance Audit and the August 2022 Performance Audit. The statistical analysis was completed using the Microsoft Excel Analysis ToolPak Descriptive Statistics analysis tool. Supporting data for the statistical analysis is provided as Tables 3 and 4 (Attachment 4).

At 95% confidence interval, the Estimated Average Annual Compostable Waste tonnage per area is calculated to be between 359.94 tonnes (lower bound) and 814.74 tonnes (upper bound). The confidence interval was calculated by subtracting/adding the calculated 95% confidence level (227.40) from the mean (587.34 tonnes).

By dividing the lower bound (359.94 tonnes) and upper bound (814.74 tonnes) of the 95% confidence interval by the Total Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (5,287.45 tonnes), and multiplying the values by 100%, the percentage of Estimated Annual Compostable Waste is calculated to be between 6.81% and 15.41%.

The above noted statistical analysis is based on a total of 18 samples collected during the May 2022 Performance Audit and August 2022 Performance Audit. As additional sampling will be completed during future audits, it is expected that the statistical data will vary as more data becomes available.

### Closure

This report was prepared by James Foley, P.Geo., Project Manager. Should additional information become available, Strum requests that this information be brought to our attention immediately so that we can re-assess the conclusions presented in this report.

This Report and any use of the Report is subject to the terms herein (see attached Statement of Qualifications and Limitations).

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Thank you,



James Foley, P.Geo.  
Project Manager



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ATTACHMENT 1  
PHOTOGRAPH LOG

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Photo 1: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 1. Photo taken on August 23, 2022.



Photo 2: Waste audit sample collected from HRM collection Area 1. Photo taken on August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 3: Sorting process of HRM collection Area 1. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 4: Food waste bin sorted from HRM collection Area 1. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 5: Waste pile from HRM collections Area 2.  
Photo collected August 18, 2022



Photo 6: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 2.  
Photo collected August 18, 2022.



Photo 7: Waste sample collected from HRM collection Area 2 following sorting.  
Photo taken on August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 8: Newsprint/ paper bin sorted from HRM collection Area 2.  
Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 9: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 3. Photo taken on August 19, 2022.



Photo 10: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 3. Photo collected August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 11: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 3 following sorting. Photo collected August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 12: Fiber OCC sorted from HRM collection Area 3. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 13: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 4. Photo taken on August 18, 2022.



Photo 14: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 4. Photo collected August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 15: Food waste bin sorted from HRM collection Area 4. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 16: Yard waste bin sorted from HRM collection Area 4. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 17: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 5. Photo taken on August 22, 2022.



Photo 18: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 5. Photo collected August 22, 2022.



Photo 19: Fiber OCC waste bin separated from HRM collection Area 5. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 20: Waste sample from HRM collection Area 5 following sorting. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 21: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 6. Photo taken on August 23, 2022.



Photo 22: Waste pile from HRM collection Area 6. Photo collected August 23, 2022.



Photo 23: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection Area 6. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 24: Waste sample from HRM collection Area 6 following sorting. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 25: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 7. Photo taken on August 19, 2022.



Photo 26: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 7. Photo collected August 19, 2022.



Photo 27: Fiber OCC bin separated from HRM collection Area 7. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 28: Waste sample from HRM collection Area 7 following sorting. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 29: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 8. Photo taken on August 28, 2022.



Photo 30: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 8. Photo collected August 18, 2022.



Photo 31: Yard waste bin separated from HRM collection Area 8. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 32: Waste sample from HRM collection Area 8 following sorting. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.





Photo 33: Waste collection vehicle unloading waste collected from HRM collection Area 9 (Condos). Photo taken on August 22, 2022.



Photo 34: Waste audit sample from HRM collection Area 9 (Condos). Photo collected August 22, 2022.



Photo 35: Food waste bin separated from HRM collection Area 9 (Condos). Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



Photo 36: Waste sample from HRM collection Area 9 (Condos) following sorting. Photo taken August 30, 2022 during waste audit.



ATTACHMENT 2  
SCALE TICKETS

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## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE1037  
License Plate: 56-926-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 1 HALIFAX  
Invoice: 0400927

Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 078967  
08/23/2022 14:19:57  
Clerk: Shelley

Gross Weight: 25,510 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,520 (kg)  
Net Weight: 8,990 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

# Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE2082  
License Plate: 44-088-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 2 DARTMOUTH

Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 078842  
08/18/2022 13:30:02  
Clerk: JDT

Gross Weight: 22,800 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,210 (kg)  
Net Weight: 6,590 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE1031  
License Plate: 55-319-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 3 BEDFORD/HAMMONDS PLAINS  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 078883  
08/19/2022 12:57:49  
Clerk: Shelley

Gross Weight: 25,050 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,460 (kg)  
Net Weight: 8,590 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

**Halifax Regional Municipality**

Vehicle ID: GFL011  
License Plate: 45355D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 4 WESTERN COUNTY  
Invoice: 0402150  
GFL Environmental Inc

Scale Slip: 078852  
08/18/2022 15:56:44  
Clerk: JDT

Gross Weight: 24,260 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,800 (kg)  
Net Weight: 7,460 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00



## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE2083  
License Plate: 44-075-D  
Vehicle Type: residential  
Origin: 5 SACKVILLE/FALL RIVER  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 078936  
08/22/2022 14:46:13  
Clerk: Shelley

Gross Weight: 22,360 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 15,890 (kg)  
Net Weight: 6,470 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: RE1041  
License Plate: 57-421-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 6 COLE HARBOUR/EASTERN PASSAGE  
Invoice: 0400927  
Royal Environmental Group

Scale Slip: 078980  
08/23/2022 17:34:13  
Clerk: Shelley

Gross Weight: 22,380 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,450 (kg)  
Net Weight: 5,930 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: MW9524  
License Plate: 56246D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: PRESTON/LAWRENCETOWN/LAKE ECHO  
Invoice: 0188466  
MILLER WASTE SYSTEMS

Scale Slip: 078898  
08/19/2022 15:51:09  
Clerk: Shelley

Gross Weight: 27,860 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 17,030 (kg)  
Net Weight: 10,830 (kg)

Total:

\$0.00  
\$0.00

## Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: ES8183  
License Plate: 51811D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: 8 EASTERN COUNTY  
Invoice: 0028092  
EASTERN SHORE CARTAGE

Scale Slip: 078839  
08/18/2022 13:11:24  
Clerk: JDT

Gross Weight: 22,810 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 16,690 (kg)  
Net Weight: 6,120 (kg)

Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00

# Halifax Regional Municipality

Vehicle ID: MW2422  
License Plate: 43-098-D  
Waste Type: residential  
Origin: BEDFORD SACKVILLE CONDOS  
Invoice: 0188466  
MILLER WASTE SYSTEMS

Scale Slip: 078927  
08/22/2022 13:08:15  
Clerk: Shelley  
Gross Weight: 14,250 (kg)  
Tare Weight: 13,870 (kg)  
Net Weight: 380 (kg)  
Total: \$0.00  
\$0.00



ATTACHMENT 3  
FIELD DATA SHEETS

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# Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 1 **# of Sorters** 8

## Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	RE1037
Collection Area	1
Date	23-Aug-22
Ticket Time	14:19
Gross Weight	25,510
Tare Weight	16,520
Net Weight	8990

**Weight of Gross Sample** 196.5 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 50.5 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** Aug 30, 2022

**Net Sample of Trash** 146 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 9am

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 9:35am

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	50.50	176.80	-	126.30
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	4.00	2.00	2.40	7.50
		2.80	4.30	
Fibre - OCC	2.00	3.40	4.40	5.80
Food/Putrescible Waste	2.00	2.60	5.00	5.60
Yard Waste	1.00	1.20	-	0.20

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	176.80	50.50	126.30	86.51
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	11.50	4.00	7.50	5.14
Fibre - OCC	7.80	2.00	5.80	3.97
Food/Putrescible Waste	7.60	2.00	5.60	3.84
Yard Waste	1.20	1.00	0.20	0.14
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	145.40	0.41

**Notes:** 0.3 kg added to garbage waste (bag of dog poop) was in yard waste

Several concrete bags with some residue influencing higher Fibre- Newsprint/paper mass

# Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 2 **# of Sorters** 7

## Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	RE2082	
Collection Area	2	
Date	18-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	13:30	
Gross Weight	22800	KG
Tare Weight	16210	KG
Net Weight	6590	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 186 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 51 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 135 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 9:38am

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 10:30am

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	51.00	158.00	-	107
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	3.00	3.00	4.20	6.80
		2.60	-	
Fibre - OCC	3.00	2.40	1.80	7.10
		5.90	-	
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.00	12.90	-	11.9
Yard Waste	1.00	2.90	-	1.9

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	158.00	51.00	107.00	79.26
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	9.80	3.00	6.80	5.04
Fibre - OCC	10.10	3.00	7.10	5.26
Food/Putrescible Waste	12.90	1.00	11.90	8.81
Yard Waste	2.90	1.00	1.90	1.41
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	134.70	0.22

**Notes:**

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## Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery  
**Area** 3 **# of Sorters** 8

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	RE1031	
Collection Area	3	
Date	19-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	12:57	
Gross Weight	25050	KG
Tare Weight	16460	KG
Net Weight	8590	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 154 **KG**  
**Weight of Tote Bin** 51 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug  
**Net Sample of Trash** 103 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 10:30am  
**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 10:55am

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	51.00	134.10	-	83.10
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.00	2.60	-	1.60
Fibre - OCC	3.00	2.00	2.90	5.30
		3.40	-	
Food/Putrescible Waste	2.00	11.00	2.40	11.40
Yard Waste	1.00	2.60	-	1.60

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	134.10	51.00	83.10	80.68
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.60	1.00	1.60	1.55
Fibre - OCC	8.30	3.00	5.30	5.15
Food/Putrescible Waste	13.40	2.00	11.40	11.07
Yard Waste	2.60	1.00	1.60	1.55
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	103.00	0.00

**Notes:** 0.1kg subtracted from yard waste - added to garbage (dog poop)

- Addressed sorters on animal waste proper sorting.

## Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 4 **# of Sorters** 8

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	GFL011	
Collection Area	4	
Date	18-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	15:56	
Gross Weight	24260	KG
Tare Weight	16800	KG
Net Weight	7460	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 181 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 51 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 130 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 10:55am

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 11:25am

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	51.00	164.50	-	113.5
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.00	1.70	-	0.7
Fibre - OCC	2.00	1.80	2.30	2.10
Food/Putrescible Waste	2.00	10.00	2.10	10.1
Yard Waste	2.00	2.40	2.80	3.2

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	164.50	51.00	113.50	87.31
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.70	1.00	0.70	0.54
Fibre - OCC	4.10	2.00	2.10	1.62
Food/Putrescible Waste	12.10	2.00	10.10	7.77
Yard Waste	5.20	2.00	3.20	2.46
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	129.60	0.31

**Notes:**

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## Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 5 **# of Sorters** 7

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	RE2083
Collection Area	5
Date	22-Aug-22
Ticket Time	14:46
Gross Weight	22360
Tare Weight	15890
Net Weight	6470

**Weight of Gross Sample** 175 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 49.5 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 125.5 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 11:25qm

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 12pm

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	49.50	159.50	-	110
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.00	7.30	1.30	6.6
Fibre - OCC	2.00	2.30	2.90	3.2
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.00	3.70	-	2.7
Yard Waste	1.00	3.60	-	2.6

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	159.50	49.50	110.00	87.65
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	8.60	2.00	6.60	5.26
Fibre - OCC	5.20	2.00	3.20	2.55
Food/Putrescible Waste	3.70	1.00	2.70	2.15
Yard Waste	3.60	1.00	2.60	2.07
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	125.10	0.32

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## Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 6 **# of Sorters** 5

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	RE1041	
Collection Area	6	
Date	23-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	17:34	
Gross Weight	22380	KG
Tare Weight	16450	KG
Net Weight	5930	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 161.5 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 49.5 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 112 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 12:30pm

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 12:50pm

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	49.50	154.50	-	105
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	1.00	2.40	-	1.4
Fibre - OCC	2.00	2.10	2.50	2.6
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.00	3.70	-	2.7
Yard Waste	0.00	0.00	-	0

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	154.50	49.50	105.00	93.75
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.40	1.00	1.40	1.25
Fibre - OCC	4.60	2.00	2.60	2.32
Food/Putrescible Waste	3.70	1.00	2.70	2.41
Yard Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	111.70	0.27

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# Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 7 **# of Sorters** 5

## Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	MW9524	
Collection Area	7	
Date	19-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	15:51	
Gross Weight	27860	KG
Tare Weight	17030	KG
Net Weight	10830	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 197.5 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 50 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 147.5 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 12:50pm

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 1:10pm

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	50.00	186.00	-	136
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.00	1.80	2.60	2.4
Fibre - OCC	2.00	2.20	3.30	3.5
Food/Putrescible Waste	2.00	4.20	3.30	5.5
Yard Waste	1.00	1.10	-	0.1

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	186.00	50.00	136.00	92.20
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	4.40	2.00	2.40	1.63
Fibre - OCC	5.50	2.00	3.50	2.37
Food/Putrescible Waste	7.50	2.00	5.50	3.73
Yard Waste	1.10	1.00	0.10	0.07
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	147.50	0.00

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## Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 8 **# of Sorters** 7

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	ES8183	
Collection Area	8	
Date	18-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	13:11	
Gross Weight	22810	KG
Tare Weight	16690	KG
Net Weight	6120	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 177 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 50.5 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 127.5 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 1:10pm

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 1:40pm

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	50.50	156.50	-	106
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.00	1.70	1.80	1.5
Fibre - OCC	2.00	2.20	2.40	2.6
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.00	6.70	-	5.7
Yard Waste	2.00	7.30	5.80	11.1

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	156.50	50.50	106.00	83.14
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	3.50	2.00	1.50	1.18
Fibre - OCC	4.60	2.00	2.60	2.04
Food/Putrescible Waste	6.70	1.00	5.70	4.47
Yard Waste	13.10	2.00	11.10	8.71
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	126.90	0.47

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## Performance Audit Record

**Date** August 30, 2022 **Name of Supervisor** Patrick Avery

**Area** 9 **# of Sorters** 8

### Weighscale Ticket Information

Truck Number/ID	MW2422	
Collection Area	9	
Date	22-Aug-22	
Ticket Time	13:08	
Gross Weight	14250	KG
Tare Weight	13870	KG
Net Weight	380	KG

**Weight of Gross Sample** 150.5 **KG**

**Weight of Tote Bin** 50.5 **KG** **Date of Audit of Sample** 30-Aug

**Net Sample of Trash** 100 **KG** **Sample Audit Time Started** 1:40pm

**Number of Bulkies Observed** - **Sample Audit Time Completed** 2:10pm

		Total Separated Sample Weights (KG)		Net Sample (KG)
Material	Empty Bin Weight (KG)	1	2	
Garbage/Residue	50.50	138.00	-	87.5
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	2.00	4.60	2.10	4.7
Fibre - OCC	2.00	2.80	2.30	3.1
Food/Putrescible Waste	1.00	6.40	-	5.4
Yard Waste	0.00	-	-	0

Material	Gross Sample (KG)	Total Weight of Bins (KG)	Net Sample (KG)	Net Waste Percentage (%)
Garbage/Residue	138.00	50.50	87.50	87.5
Fibre - Newsprint/Paper	6.70	2.00	4.70	4.7
Fibre - OCC	5.10	2.00	3.10	3.1
Food/Putrescible Waste	6.40	1.00	5.40	5.4
Yard Waste	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Lost or Gained Mass	-	-	100.70	-0.7

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ATTACHMENT 4  
SUPPORTING DATA

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**Table 1: Total Compostable Waste Percentage Per Area (August 2022)**

**Project # 22-8641**

Waste Collection Area	% Organics From August 30, 2022 Waste Audit	Average Based On Previous Three Fiscal Years (Tonnes)	Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (Tonnes)
1	13.09%	9918.30	1298.31
2	20.52%	6866.42	1408.99
3	19.32%	4358.45	842.05
4	12.39%	5304.70	657.25
5	12.03%	8372.02	1007.15
6	5.98%	5130.17	306.78
7	7.80%	2962.13	231.05
8	16.40%	3383.67	554.92
Condos	13.20%	2627.33	346.81
<b>TOTAL</b>		48923.19	6653.31

<b>Average</b>	13.41%	-	739.26
<b>Min</b>	5.98%	-	231.05
<b>Max</b>	20.52%	-	1408.99

<b>Compostable Waste Percentage</b>	$(6653.31/48923.19)*100\% = 13.60\%$
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Table 2: Average Total Compostable Waste Percentage Per Area (May and August 2022)

Project # 22-8641

Waste Collection Area	% Organics From May 19, 2022 Baseline Audit	% Organics From August 30, 2022 Waste Audit	% Organics Average	Average Based On Previous Three Fiscal Years (Tonnes)	Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (Tonnes)
1	15.40%	13.09%	14.25%	9918.30	1413.36
2	10.44%	20.52%	15.48%	6866.42	1062.92
3	3.87%	19.32%	11.60%	4358.45	505.58
4	3.27%	12.39%	7.83%	5304.70	415.36
5	6.34%	12.03%	9.19%	8372.02	769.39
6	3.39%	5.98%	4.69%	5130.17	240.60
7	3.96%	7.80%	5.88%	2962.13	174.17
8	6.90%	16.40%	11.65%	3383.67	394.20
Condos	10.54%	13.20%	11.87%	2627.33	311.86
TOTAL				48923.19	5287.45

Average	10.27%	-	587.49
Min	4.69%	-	174.17
Max	15.48%	-	1413.36

Compostable Waste Percentage	$(5287.45/48923.19)*100\% = 10.81\%$
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**Table 3: Estimated Annual Compostable Waste Per Area**

**Project # 22-8641**

<b>Audit</b>	<b>Waste Collection Area</b>	<b>% Organics</b>	<b>Average Waste Based On Previous Three Fiscal Years (Tonnes)</b>	<b>Estimated Annual Compostable Waste (Tonnes)</b>
<b>May 2022 Initial Performance Audit</b>	1	15.40%	9918.30	1527.42
	2	10.44%	6866.42	716.85
	3	3.87%	4358.45	168.67
	4	3.27%	5304.70	173.46
	5	6.34%	8372.02	530.79
	6	3.39%	5130.17	173.96
	7	3.96%	2962.13	117.30
	8	6.90%	3383.67	233.47
	Condos	10.54%	2627.33	276.92
<b>August 2022 Performance Audit</b>	1	13.09%	9918.30	1298.31
	2	20.52%	6866.42	1408.99
	3	19.32%	4358.45	842.05
	4	12.39%	5304.70	657.25
	5	12.03%	8372.02	1007.15
	6	5.98%	5130.17	306.78
	7	7.80%	2962.13	231.05
	8	16.40%	3383.67	554.92
	Condos	13.20%	2627.33	346.81

<b>Average</b>	10.27%	-	587.34
<b>Min</b>	3.27%	-	117.30
<b>Max</b>	20.52%	-	1527.42

**Table 4: Descriptive Statistics****Project 22-8641**

Column1	
Mean	587.3426074
Standard Error	107.7828698
Median	438.797034
Mode	#N/A
Standard Deviation	457.283989
Sample Variance	209108.6466
Kurtosis	-0.321863367
Skewness	0.943581426
Range	1410.117207
Minimum	117.30048
Maximum	1527.417687
Sum	10572.16693
Count	18
Confidence Level(95.0%)	227.4019778
Upper CI	814.7445852
Lower CI	359.9406295



## **Attachment 2: Examples of HSW Educational Materials**



# ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR COMMON HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE ITEMS



## Paint

Empty paint cans, leftover paint and aerosol paint cans. Must have original label and lid. These can be taken back to your local Enviro-Depot™ through the Nova Scotia Paint Recycling Program.

<https://www.productcare.org/products/paint/nova-scotia/>



## Medication

Can be taken back to your local pharmacy.



## Batteries

Participating retailers through the Call2Recycle program.

[www.call2recycle.ca](http://www.call2recycle.ca)



## CFL/fluorescent bulbs

Dan-X Recycling (fees may apply).

<http://danxrecycling.com/>



## Motor oil, antifreeze, filters and containers

Participating collection facilities through UOMA.

<https://ns.uoma-atlantic.com/>



## Propane tanks

Check with your local tank exchange or propane dealer.

For other disposal options visit [halifax.ca/hsw](http://halifax.ca/hsw)

# HALIFAX

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## Household Special Waste: Disposal Alternatives

Webinar will begin at 12:00 pm



# Education & Outreach

- Sorting Guides
- Waste Reduction
- At Home Composting
- Master Composter Recycler
- Waste Resource Presentations



# Waste Diversion



**HRM Landfill, Otter Lake**

# National Guidelines for Hazardous Waste Landfills

## **Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment**

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The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) is the major intergovernmental forum in Canada for discussion and joint action on environmental issues of national, international and global concern. The 14 member governments work as partners in developing nationally consistent environmental standards, practices, and legislation.

[https://www.ccme.ca/files/Resources/waste/hazardous/pn\\_1365\\_e.pdf](https://www.ccme.ca/files/Resources/waste/hazardous/pn_1365_e.pdf)

# Household Special Waste



Permanent Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Dr in Bayers Lake  
Open most Saturdays

17 Mobile HSW events per year  
[Halifax.ca/HSW](http://Halifax.ca/HSW)



# Items Accepted at HSW Depots:

- Batteries
- Leftover paint and empty paint cans
- Corrosive cleaners
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Gasoline
- Used motor oil
- Solvents and thinners
- medications
- Aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- BBQ propane tanks
- Small propane cylinders  
(i.e. for camp stoves and propane torches)
- CFL and fluorescent bulbs
- Residential fire extinguishers  
(empty fire extinguishers up to 5 lb  
may be placed in the garbage)

## NOT ACCEPTED

- Sharps
- Electronics
- Construction materials

# Batteries

- Most places that sell batteries also recycle them!
- Find battery recycling at Canadian Tire, Walmart, Staples, hardware stores, electronics stores, and many more



Leading the charge for recycling.™

A map of Halifax, Nova Scotia, with several red pins indicating battery recycling locations. The pins are numbered 1 through 9. The map shows major roads, parks, and landmarks like Mt St Vincent University and Zatzman Sportsplex.

NEARBY	RECYCLE ON THE WAY
<b>21 LOCATIONS NEAR YOU</b>	
<b>1. Halifax, NS</b> Canadian Tire #44 6203 Quinpool Road Halifax, NS B3L 4P6 902-422-4922  Accepts Rechargeable Batteries ⓘ Alkaline /Single-Use Batteries ⓘ  Send To : Email   Mobile Website: <a href="http://www.canadiantire.ca">http://www.canadiantire.ca</a>	
<b>2. Halifax, NS</b> The Source	

<https://www.call2recycle.ca/>

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# HALIFAX

# Used Paint Stewardship Program



In Nova Scotia, we have more than 90 recycling locations where you can drop off your leftover paint for free.

Some of these recycling locations also offer free leftover paint to their communities through our PaintShare program. Use our [recycling locator](#) to find a PaintShare location near you.

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## Accepted Products:

### Household Paint

We accept many types of paint, as well as empty paint containers.



- ✓ Interior and exterior water-based (latex, acrylic) and oil-based (alkyd, enamel) household paint
- ✓ Undercoat and primers (e.g. metal, wood, etc.)
- ✓ Empty containers of accepted products (must have original label and lid)
- ✓ Anti-rust paint
- ✓ Block filler
- ✓ Concrete and masonry paint
- ✓ Melamine, stain and shellac
- ✓ Stain blocking paint
- ✓ Stucco paint
- ✓ Swimming pool paint (only single component)
- ✓ Textured paint
- ✓ Varnish and urethane (only single component)
- ✓ Wood finishing oil



**Used Oil Regulations  
made under Section 84 of the  
*Environment Act***

**S.N.S. 1994-95, c. 1**

**O.I.C. 95-290 (effective April 11, 1995), N.S. Reg. 51/1995**

**amended to O.I.C. 2019-29 (effective January 1, 2020), N.S. Reg. 25/2019**

## **UOMA Locations Collect:**

- Motor Oil
- Filters
- Glycol
- Oil, glycol and DEF containers (up to 50L)
- Aerosol containers used for oil and automotive cleaners



<https://uoma-atlantic.com/>



# Medical Product Stewardship



**Please follow these steps to safely dispose of syringes, needles, and lancets:**

1. Pick up a free Safe Sharps container at your local pharmacy
2. Place your used syringes, needles, and lancets into the Safe Sharps container
3. When the container is almost full, seal the lid.
4. Return the sealed container to your pharmacy

The safe Sharps Program is funded by Nova Scotia's pharmacies, sharps manufacturers, and medication distributors

# Propane Tanks

- Take your used propane tank to a propane exchange station to get a new one free of charge
- Found at gas stations, Canadian Tire, Costco, and many other retailers



# CFL Lightbulbs

- **IKEA** Canada offers free recycling for household batteries and bulbs
- **Dan-X Recycling** offers residential and commercial mercury/CFL bulb recycling (Fees apply)



# Electronic Product Stewardship



- Electronic waste was banned from landfill starting in 2008
- Most EnviroDepots also serve as drop off centers

# Electronic Items Include:



Video Gaming Systems &  
Peripheral



Desktop Printers



E-Book Readers



External Storage Drives &  
Modems

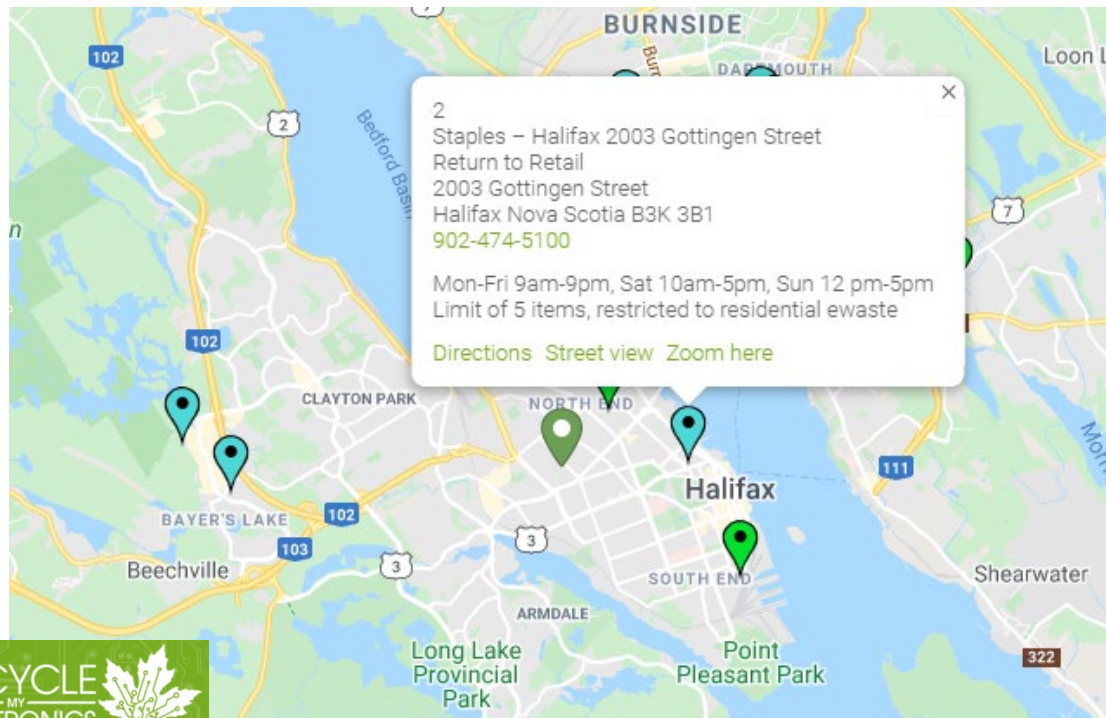


Global Positioning System  
(GPS)



Countertop Microwave  
Ovens

# Electronic Product Stewardship





# Construction & Demolition



> Wood

> Drywall

> Asphalt Shingles / Roofing

> Plastics 1,2,3,4, and 5

> Aggregates

> Metals

> Vinyl/ABS/PCV

> Glass

> Carpet



## Halifax C&D

<https://halifaxcdrecycling.ca/>

### **Goodwood Facility (16 Mills Drive)**

7am to 5pm – Monday to Friday

8am to 3pm – Saturdays

Closed on Sundays

### **Dartmouth Facility (188 Ross Road)**

8am to 5pm – Monday to Friday

8am to 3pm – Saturdays

Closed on Sundays

**Phone:** 902-876-8644

**Fax:** 902-876-1878



## 3 Rs ONLINE

FREE ONLINE LEARNING FROM  
HALIFAX SOLID WASTE RESOURCES



### Life Cycle of Recycling

- What Goes Where:  
Sorting It Out
- What Does it Become?  
Turning Old into New
- All About Green Carts!

### WasteLess Gardening

- Backyard Composting
- Vermicomposting
- Compost Tea

[www.halifax.ca/3rsonline](http://www.halifax.ca/3rsonline)  
[wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca)

# Thank you!



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[wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca)

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