

**Request for Regional Council Consideration**



**Agenda Item**

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to the meeting)

**Added Item**

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one day prior to the meeting)



**Request from the Floor**

**Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**Subject: Temporary Rock Breaking/Crushing Permit Process**

**Motion for Regional Council to Consider:**

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a Permit Process for Temporary Rock Breaking/Crushing for landscaping and site prep work involving rock breaking/crushing on private property. The report is to consider environmental impact of the rock breaking/crushing (air quality/dust mitigation, protection of water bodies, etc.) as well as issues with noise, duration of rock breaking/crushing, and whether a municipal engineer and/or provincial Department of Environment should be engaged to review the proposed project and property for stability, safety, and other factors prior to permitting temporary rock breaking/crushing activity.

**Reason:**

Local residents have experienced ongoing nuisance from constant noise, dust, vibration and removal of debris from rock breaking/crushing activity in a residential neighbourhood since May 2020. Current municipal By-Laws do not regulate landscaping activity, including rock breaking/crushing, and leaves residents with no recourse for ensuring proper procedures are in place to protect the environment, as well as the peace and safety of their neighbourhood and abutting properties.

**Outcome Sought:**

Staff recommendation report on a Temporary Rock Breaking/Crushing Permit Process.

*Councillor Shawn Cleary*

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