

# Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management- Regional Chairs Committee

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## Minister Halman

A letter has been sent from Regional Chairs welcoming Minister Halman to his new role as Minister, and updating him on the work of the Regional Chairs Committee. The Minister has also been invited to attend our December meeting, to take place in HRM.

## Out going Chair

Tom Taggart, a long time member of the Regional Chairs committee, has resigned from his seat after being elected to the Progressive Conservative caucus. We wish Tom all the best in his new venture. I, Councillor Cyril MacDonald, have assumed the role of Chair.

## Divert NS Update

Divert provided a high level update on their recent "Litter Audit", as well as Waste Reduction week. The official report will be circulated at a later date, but the findings were consistent across the province, litter is a huge issue.

## Environment

The Chairs were presented with information regarding the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act (Bill 57). This act sets to legislate environment and climate change targets. EPR was also discussed, and the importance of educating our new government and encouraging this work continue to be brought forward. EPR, is of course, a policy approach by where the producer, whether physically or financially, is responsible for the post-consumer stage of a products lifecycle.

Respectfully submitted,

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