

Item No. 11.1

**HALIFAX**

# **Illegal Dumping**

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# Legislative Landscape

- **NS Environment**

- Environment Act, section 99(2) and 127 Litter
- Reports of illegal dumping are investigated with property owner responsible for clean up

- **HRM By-Law Compliance**

- HRM Charter Part XV Dangerous and Unsightly is cited to address illegal dumping.
- Reports investigated by Municipal Compliance By-Law Standards. The property owner is held responsible for condition of property with clean up remedy required.

# Other NS Jurisdictions

- **Municipality of East Hants – Solid Waste By-Law Enforcement**
  - Section 22.1 “Illegal Dumping” By-Law #4-6 Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law.
  - Reports of illegal dumping are investigated. It is the property owner’s responsibility for clean-up.
- **Valley Waste Resource Management**
  - Section 3.1 Prohibitions- Illegal Dumping of the Solid Waste Management Resource By-Law
  - Contact number to report complaints investigated by the Solid Waste By-law officer. Where a name of a person is found in the waste, this is followed up to contact the person to discuss. Where there is no identification the property owner is responsible for the waste.
- **Municipality District of West Hants – By-Law Enforcement**
  - Section 45 Solid Waste Management By-Law
  - Contact number to report complaints. Reports of illegal dump sites on private or public property are investigated. Where a name or address of a person is found in waste illegally dumped, the person is designated as responsible for clean-up. This is a ‘reverse onus’ clause where the person has to show they did not dump illegally.

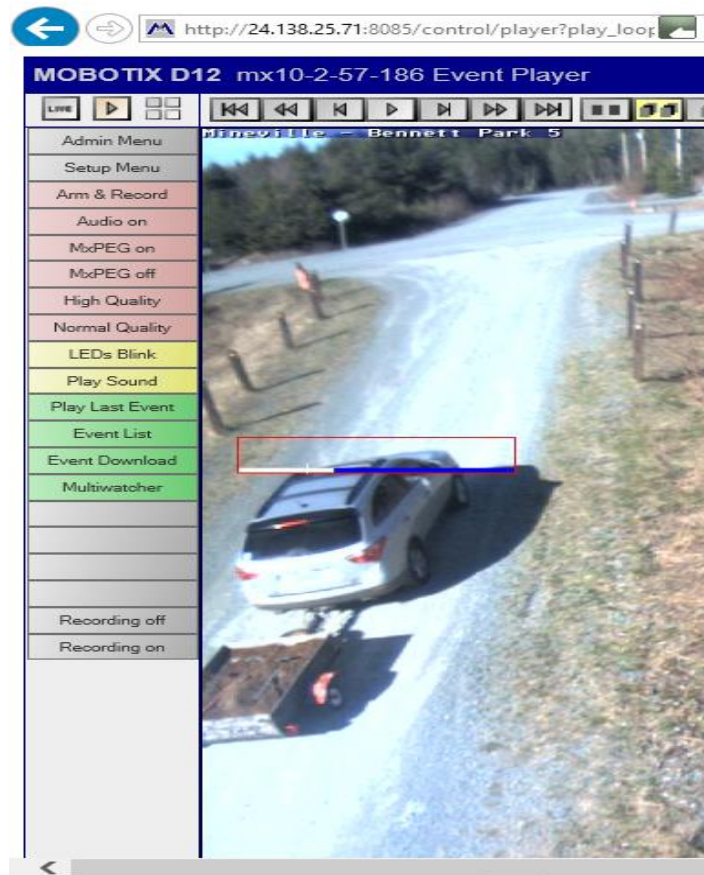
# Reporting Illegal Dumping in HRM

- In Progress – Call Police at 902-490-5020
- Call 311 to report illegal dumping sites on HRM or private property for by-law Compliance Standard follow up.

The landowner is responsible for clean up of materials placed on their property.

# Ways To Prevent Illegal Dumping

- Education and Awareness Tools
- Surveillance Cameras



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- Education and Awareness Campaigns
  - <http://www.stopdumping.nj.gov/index.htm>



# Cameras Catch Illegal Dumpers



A suspect involved in illegal dumping at Camp Harris, a Scouts Canada camp in Mineville, has been identified and will now have to clean up the waste he left behind. (Global News Report May 2016)

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2721633/illegal-dumper-caught-by-scouts-camp-surveillance-video-partly-cleans-up-mess/>

# Community Clean Up Events

- Municipal Clean Up Events
  - Clean Foundation - Great NS Pick Me Up Program (HRM sponsors)
  - ACAP Cape Breton – “Trashformers”
  - Guysborough & Waste Check (Yarmouth) Community Clean up Incentive Program
  - Public Works crews collect bags of litter
  - Tip fees waived
- Provincial Event
  - NSTIR & Adopt a Highway Programs for Litter



# Challenges & Risks for HRM

- Liability and risk with waste handling
  - Needles, proper disposal and safety
- Many tools and tactics to preventing illegal dumping and involves multi-stakeholders
- Resources required to develop and implement strategy

**THANK YOU**

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