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Subject: Set up a civil service LAKES AUTHORITY in order to restore lakes, address public concerns, and related aspects ... the Regional Plan will not address the scientific issues we have been appraising numerous Councils dating back to the 1980s!

(All our URLs are case-sensitive)

Recommendation: Set up a civil service LAKES AUTHORITY in order to pragmatically restore lakes, address public concerns, and related aspects in line with our formal appeal to the Regional Council as far back as August 21, 2001!

See our web page,
http://lakes.chebucto.org/HRM/HISTORY/lakes_authority.html to read our appeal and staff's response at that time.

It is imperative that the `authority' be staffed with accredited limnologists as well as with certified lake managers and include those with proven experience in lake restoration!

On a fiscal basis, we have observed the staff numbers at HRM have swollen phenomenally; hence, the hiring in the very near future could include two to three applied limnologists rather than exclusively planners or professional engineers!

Rationale:

Kindly note that it is our research in applied limnology all over HRM inclusive of in Bedford and Dartmouth that several `paid consultants' to the HRM; numerous stakeholder groups all over HRM; around one hundred and fifty (150) graduate and undergraduate students at universities and at technical institutes working for or on behalf of residents of HRM; and civil servants at various agencies have utilized for their or for public benefit! The latter include HRM, the NS Dept. of Environment, the Federal Environment Canada, and the Federal DFO over the last decade and a half!

A considerable part of our applied research is conducted by only a handful of us as total volunteers with a significant amount spearheaded and/or conducted by this signatory, especially, in predictive modelling (TP/Cha and other parameters), and in biological limnology inclusive of chironomid mentum deformities!

See our web page summarizing our Accomplishments in <http://lakes.chebucto.org/accomplishments.html> and Compliments and Requests received in <http://lakes.chebucto.org/COMPLIMENTS/compliments.html>

PS: While the majority of severely stressed lakes are within the jurisdictional area of the Harbour East Community Council (HECC), nevertheless, select lakes within other sub-jurisdictions of HRM have also been stressed to various degrees, alas!