

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Seagulls at Lake Rosalind and Marl Lakes  
**Prepared By:** Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations  
**Department:** Waste Management - Operations  
**Date:** August 8, 2023  
**Report Number:** PW2023-20 **File Number:** C11PW  
**Attachments:** Letter from Lake Rosalind and Marl Lakes on Seagulls

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2023-20 – Seagulls at Lake Rosalind and Marl Lakes, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information purposes.

### Report:

#### Background:

Municipal staff received the attached letter, addressed to council, dated July 8, 2023. The letter details concerns raised by members of the Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association and the Marl Lake Property Owners Association regarding a significant number of seagulls seen on the lakes. The letter advises that there is a significant number of seagulls migrating between the lakes and the Hanover/Walkerton landfill. The letter raises concerns about water quality in the lakes due to the bacteria that could be introduced by the seagulls and requests that control measures be implemented to reduce the presence of seagulls at the landfill.

#### Analysis:

The landfill is required to track the number of seagulls on the active face of the landfill, meaning the area where garbage and debris are being dumped. While there may be additional seagull activity within the boundaries of the Hanover/Walkerton landfill, the seagulls within the active face are consistently within the acceptable limits set out by the requirements of the Integrated Wildlife Management Plan (IWMP) on any given day.

Seagull control measures have been introduced in past years at a financial cost of approx. \$1000 per day, with limited effect of resolving the issues brought forward. Staff are committed to ensuring continued compliance with restrictions to the number of seagulls within the active face. While we acknowledge this is a challenging concern seagulls are prevalent around water sources and this may not fully be attributable to the Hanover/Walkerton Landfill site.

## Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance N/A

## Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?  
N/A

### Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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### Respectfully Submitted by:



Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations

### Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer