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Subject: Request to have 5 c amended to reflect the reality's of the testing process and public safety.
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- 1.” Water samples shall be collected”. This needs a timeline for example if overflows started on Friday the 12 samples are likely not to be taken currently until Monday leaving children swimming in the lake for days prior to samples being taken this does not ensure public safety.
2. The reality of testing is that it takes time to get the results back , in normal cases it takes 5 to 6 days, it can likely be expedited, if the intent is to have tests back in a soeedy manner the document should be amended reflect that.
3. Most importantly “in the event and overflow occurs.” Water sample shall be taken. Should be updated to something similar to “ in the event of an overflow the lake should be closed until water samples results are acquired to ensure public safety. “

I'll leave council and staff with this , in west Hants we have family's that have and are currently suffering the devastating effects of E. coli. With a little bit of research and time council members can go educate themselves on these localized Effects of E. coli right in our backyard . I assure you you won't forget it's extremely devastating .

This is a serious issue, we no overfflow contains human faeces...., we know cattle are using the upstream areas as a water source still, we know this body of water has had extreme high. E. coli counts frequently. Not only is this a public safety issue it is a liability issue for tax payers.

And children are too young to have the ability to make informed decisions on such matters, they rely on adults and people in places of authority, such as you to protect them.

Thank you

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