

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> October 3, 2017		
<b>Subject:</b> Amendment to By-Law A-700 to Prohibit the Feeding of Wildlife		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> That Regional Council request a staff report regarding amendments to HRM By-Law A-700, Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, to prohibit the feeding of wildlife. The proposed amendments to A-700 should be based on best practices from other municipalities and include reasonable exceptions for backyard bird feeders.		
<b>Reason:</b> HRM's Animal By-Law currently prohibits feeding birds on property adjoining bodies of water, but it has no general provisions for restricting the feeding of wildlife. Feeding wildlife can be detrimental to the health of animals and can normalize human contact. Wildlife such as racoons, pigeons and rodents can also become a nuisance, destroying property and, potentially, spreading disease to people and domestic pets. Other municipalities such as Fredericton, New Glasgow, Toronto, Victoria, Waterloo, Kitchener, Guelph, and Hamilton have restricted feeding wildlife in their various bylaws. HRM should consider similar provisions.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Recommendation report		
<i>Councillor</i> Sam Austin	<i>District</i> 05	