

Request for Council's Consideration		
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<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> January 11, 2018		
<b>Subject: Sullivan's Pond Weed Control</b>		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> That Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council request a staff report regarding possible options for cutting or reducing the aquatic weeds in Sullivan's Pond in the Halifax and Area Model Yacht Club course.		
<b>Reason:</b> At the November 2 Harbour East – Marine Drive Community Council meeting a presentation was given by the Halifax and Area Model Yacht Club regarding the Club's activities at Sullivan's Pond. The Club races two types of model boats on a course situated on the west side of the Pond (about ¼ of the Pond's total area). The Club races Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The Club indicates that Sullivan's Pond is one of the best courses in North America due to the prevailing winds, its layout, urban setting, and the shore walls that allow participants to easily get their boats in and out of the Pond. The Club also attracts a steady stream of spectators, adding to the vitality of the park.  The one big problem at Sullivan's Pond is the aquatic weeds. Once the weeds reach the surface, they can tangle up the model boats. For several weeks a year, the Club is prevented from using Sullivan's Pond due to plant growth. The weed growth is a relatively new change in the environmental conditions at Sullivan's Pond, having only arisen as an issue over the last five years. The Club has produced national and international champions and would host regattas in Dartmouth, but they currently can't because there are no guarantees about when the weeds will shut down their activities.  HRM should look at low-cost options for addressing the weeds on the Club's course.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> Recommendation report		
<i>Councillor</i> Sam Austin	<i>District</i> 05	

