

Request for Council's Consideration		
<p>Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)</p>	<p>Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)</p>	<p>X Request from the Floor</p>
<p>Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018</p>		
<p>Subject: Tick Awareness Campaign</p>		
<p>Motion for Council to Consider in the interest of public safety and in consideration of May being Lyme Disease Awareness month, request a staff report on the implementation of an immediate TICK AWARENESS CAMPAIGN through PSA's, social media messaging and any other means of communicating public awareness on the issue of ticks including tips on how to protect your person/pet from ticks.</p>		
<p>Reason:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering that May is Lyme Disease Awareness month and; considering that HRM has many parks, playgrounds and trails that we encourage residents to enjoy, as a municipality, we should be pro-active in assuring residents have all necessary information to keep themselves, their families and pets safe. • Last month (April 2018) Dr. Strang, Nova Scotia's Chief Public Health Officer, advised residents to be aware of ticks as their presence may increase with warmer weather. Ticks live in several places: including the woods, shrubs and long grass. They can also carry viruses like Lyme disease. <i>"Ticks have to be on the body for 24 to 36 hours to be able to transmit a disease like Lyme disease, so taking the preventative steps and doing a tick check every day are very important in preventing any kind of tick-born disease,"</i> he says. If you do notice a tick bite, Dr. Strang says it's important to immediately contact a primary care provider. • Lunenburg County is taking action on the TICK issue – The municipality is distributing and posting information about ticks and Lyme disease at its parks and recreational facilities. The information includes tips on how people can protect themselves, such as tucking their pants into their socks when walking in the woods, wearing light-coloured clothing so they can see any ticks and checking themselves for any tick once indoors. • They are also considering re-introducing the use of Deer Bait stations to help treat deer that may carry the ticks. Lunenburg County did a pilot project with deer bait stations a few years ago and saw a 20 per cent decrease in the number of ticks between 2011 and 2015, said Bolivar-Getson (Mayor of Municipality of the District of Lunenburg). • Federal government announcing plans to spend \$4 million to fight Lyme disease through a new research network aimed at improving diagnosis and treatment. The federal framework has three pillars: surveillance, guidelines and best practices, and public education and awareness. 		
<p>Outcome Sought: An HRM Tick Awareness Campaign</p>		
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