

Request for Halifax and West Community Council's Consideration

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Date of Community Council Meeting: June 28, 2016

Subject: Algae Around Kearney Lake

Motion for Community Council to Consider:

That Halifax and West Community Council request a staff report regarding a process to investigate the source of the algae around Kearney Lake.

Reason:

Residents have observed algae around the edges (i.e., at the shoreline) of Kearney Lake, and requested that HRM attempt to identify the source (i.e., cause) of the algae, starting with sample collection.

Currently the municipality's mandate is generally defined by the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter and the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy. These documents do not require, direct, or empower staff to investigate the novel presence of algae in lakes. Consequently, staff may not undertake the investigation of the algae issue at Kearney Lake unless given explicit direction to do so by Community or Regional Council.

Outcome Sought:

Staff report outlining a process to investigate the type and source of algae around Kearney Lake and, if deemed a health issue, measures to resolve the issue.

Councillor Russell Walker

District 10