

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: July 17, 2018		
Subject: Wetland Compensation		
Motion for Council to Consider:		
That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the utilizing wetland compensation funding for municipal projects		
Reason:		
The Province requires parties that destroy wetlands in the course of development to compensate for that destruction by funding or carrying out projects to enhance wetlands elsewhere. This compensation is designed to mitigate the negative environmental impact of development and can involve a variety of measures		
https://novascotia.ca/nse/wetland/compensation.asp		
HRM is seeking to develop new approaches to managing stormwater, which could include the creation of more artificial wetlands. There is an opportunity to improve stormwater management, enhance the environment, and to do so with funds that are already available. HRM should consider developing a process and list of wetland projects where compensation funding could be directed.		
Recommendation could return with the Integrated Stormwater Policy that is under development (January 16, 2018 Regional Council motion) as it would fit with the proposed policy's focus areas on capital investment and wetlands.		
Outcome Sought:		
Staff recommendation		
<i>Councillor</i> Sam Austin	<i>District</i> 05	