

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input checked="" 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: Integrated Pest Management Plan		
<p>That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on developing an Integrated Pest Management strategy for the municipality.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>Integrated Pest Management is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage using techniques that minimize risks to human health and non-target organisms, and the environment. Pests can include plants, vertebrates, insects, pathogens and other unwanted organisms that may harm water quality, animal life or other parts of the ecosystem.</p> <p>Currently, HRM is predominantly reactionary in managing pest issues, which requires the involvement of multiple Business Units such as Transportation & Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Planning & Development (Energy & Environment). Roles, responsibilities, and best practices are often unwritten and can lead to confusion. There are also gaps in strategies or options for dealing with certain pests. This strategy will integrate existing efforts, fill in gaps, and allow HRM to be more proactive and transparent in its management of pests.</p> <p>Outcome Sought:</p> <p>This staff report will provide a recommendation to Council on developing an Integrated Pest Management strategy, outlining the high-level scope of the strategy, timelines, necessary resources, and responsible Business Units.</p>		
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