

Request for Regional Council's Consideration		
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<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> October 30, 2018		
<b>Subject:</b> Floating Yellow Heart, Little Albro Lake		
<p>That the Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on options for dealing with invasive Floating Yellow Heart in Little Albro Lake and the potential for cooperation with the Province to address this issue.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b></p> <p>Floating Yellow Heart is an ornamental aquatic plant native to Asia. It was first identified in Little Albro Lake about ten years ago and since that time, the plant has completely taken over the lake. It's a lily-like plant that forms a dense mass that completely covers the surface of the lake. It has made it hard to swim or boat in Little Albro Lake and it has displaced the lake's native vegetation, impacting the aquatic environment.</p> <p>Little Albro Lake drains directly to the harbour, which has, so far, prevented the plant from expanding into other HRM lakes. Unfortunately, it is unlikely to remain contained in Little Albro Lake over the long-term. Pieces of the plant can grow new roots meaning it can be easily spread by boats. The seeds also have burrs on them, allowing them to hitch a ride on aquatic animals and waterfowl. While invasive species in lakes is a provincial responsibility, the implications for HRM's recreation programs of Floating Yellow expanding beyond Little Albro Lake are considerable.</p> <p><b>Outcome Sought:</b></p> <p>Staff recommendation report</p>		
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