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Item No. 15.2

Request for Halifax Regional Council Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (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
Notice of Motion given at the December 4, 2018 Council meeting		
Date of Meeting: December 11, 2018		
Subject: Tree Removal Development Charges		
Motion for Halifax Regional Council to Consider:		
<p>That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on potentially creating new development charges for and /or regulating trees to be cut down on land that is developed for residential, commercial, and institutional purposes. The report should assess the advantages and disadvantages and the authority Halifax has to bring in such fees and regulation, given the enormous quantitative and qualitative benefits of trees as outlined in the Urban Forest Master Plan. The report would go to the Community Planning and Economic Development committee.</p>		
Reason:		
<p>Given the enormous benefits, both quantitative and qualitative, of trees in Halifax Regional Municipality, it is imperative that we consider their value to all residents of Halifax. As outlined in the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP), trees provide air quality, health, hydrological, psychological, economic, carbon sequestration, and other benefits. Since both infill and greenfield development usually require the removal of trees (of vastly varying quantities), that diminishes our ability to meet the principles and objectives of the UFMP. Revenue from these development charges could be used to help fund the actions of the UFMP.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>A staff report that assesses the potential of tree removal development charges and regulation.</p>		
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