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## Item No. 12.1

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>	
<p>X <b>Included on Agenda</b> Notice of Motion given July 21, 2020</p> <p><b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> Tuesday, August 18, 2020</p> <p><b>Subject: Right-of-Way Wildflower Pilot Project</b></p>	
<p><b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b></p> <p>That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to outline the costs and benefits of a pilot project to replace grass with wildflowers in the Right-of-Way at Akerley Boulevard.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b></p> <p>This would be a two to three-year pilot project that would determine if there is cost savings in implementing and maintaining a wildflower meadow area in the Road Right-of-way to determine if this application of lower maintenance vegetation would result in any saving of money over the cost of weekly mowing of the same area. Compare if the maintenance of a wildflower area outweighs the upfront cost of the preparation and subsequent landscaping and sightline maintenance of this Right-of-Way. Staff have confirmed that Akerley Boulevard would be an ideal place for a pilot project and would align with HRM's naturalization strategy. This could possibly save the municipality money on grass mowing costs by replacing sod with wildflowers in approved areas.</p> <p><b>Outcome Sought:</b></p> <p>The approval of the wildflower pilot project to determine the success and future possibilities to save the municipality money.</p>	
<i>Councillor Tony Mancini</i>	<i>District 6</i>