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**Item No. 11.7.2**

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>					
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<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> June 8, 2021					
<b>Subject:</b> Park Steward Program					
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>					
That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a park stewards program to facilitate citizen volunteering in HRM parks					
<b>Reason:</b>					
HRM has an active and engaged citizenry that often feels ownership of the public spaces that they spend time in. This is evident in activities like litter clean-ups, the diligent reporting of issues to 311, and the many community driven projects that have occurred in HRM's Parks over the years. HRM engages with residents on specific projects, but there isn't a formal ongoing program to organize civic volunteering. Sometimes non-profit groups arise and organize themselves as defacto park stewards, such as at Oathill Lake, but that isn't true of all park spaces. Other municipalities have developed formal programs such as Vancouver's Park Steward program to encourage and channel people's urge to volunteer into activities to create better public spaces. HRM should consider launching a similar program here					
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>					
Staff recommendation report					
Councillor Sam Austin			District 05		