

<b>Request for Halifax Regional Council's Consideration</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agenda Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one day prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting: August 17, 2021</b>		
<b>Subject: HRM budgeting for climate mitigation and adaptation</b>		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>  That Halifax Regional Council direct staff to write a report which will recommend the optimum percentage of HRM's annual budget to be dedicated to climate mitigation and adaptation measures for a minimum of the next 3 years. The report will provide recommendations to prioritize the most cost-effective municipal investments in net-zero infrastructure, including but not limited to: transportation, forest and land conservation and other nature-based solutions, conversion of public buildings to low-carbon heating and cooling, and related HRM staff positions. The report will also include a range of financing options, tax implications and timelines for achieving HRM's climate goals.		
<b>Reason:</b>  The August 9/21 IPCC report has highlighted the global urgency of reducing carbon emissions. HRM has an excellent climate plan, but to act effectively and in a timely way, HRM council must include climate mitigation and adaption measures in its future budgets.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>  To provide council by December 2021 with a realistic assessment of the cost of key climate adaptations and mitigations, the optimum annual percentage of HRM's budget that should be set aside and spent annually, and options for financing investments in related infrastructure and nature-based solutions.		
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