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Item No. 15.7.2

Request for Halifax Regional Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (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
<p>Date of Council Meeting: May 17, 2022</p> <p>Subject: Hwy 102 Corridor Study/Impact on Proposed National Park at Blue Mountain</p>		
<p>Motion for Council to Consider:</p> <p>That Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to require the Highway 102 Corridor studies to consider the relationship to the potential Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness Park, including where and how land should be protected to maintain the full functioning and extent of environmental, recreation, cultural and other features of significance. This should include but not be limited to mitigating impacts and changes to water quantity and water quality in Susies and related lakes in the watersheds of the proposed Blue Mountain Birch Cove Wilderness Area Park and the identification of minimum non disturbance setbacks from Susies Lake and other watercourses and the protection of associated wetlands.</p>		
<p>Reason:</p> <p>The Hwy 102 Corridor study was funded by the Province of Nova Scotia after a majority on regional council voted against it on March 22, 2022. A majority on council agreed a pre-development study should wait until Parks Canada reviews Susies Lake and the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes as a potential national urban wilderness park. The residential development proposed for the location includes filling in a large wetland, diverting the water away from Susies Lake, and building several multi units on top of the former wetland and along the shoreline of Susies Lake. The proposal as currently configured is not compatible with a national urban wilderness park.</p>		
<p>Outcome Sought:</p> <p>A study that clearly defines the areas in the Hwy102 study area that can be developed while maintaining the integrity of Susies Lake and surrounding wetlands that flow into Susies Lake. Recommendations from the study should be considered as part of the current regional plan review to provide better protection for all HRM lakes.</p>		
<p><i>Councillor Kathryn Morse</i></p>		<p><i>District 10</i></p>