

HALIFAX

Naturalization Strategy

Parks & Recreation | Policy & Planning
Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

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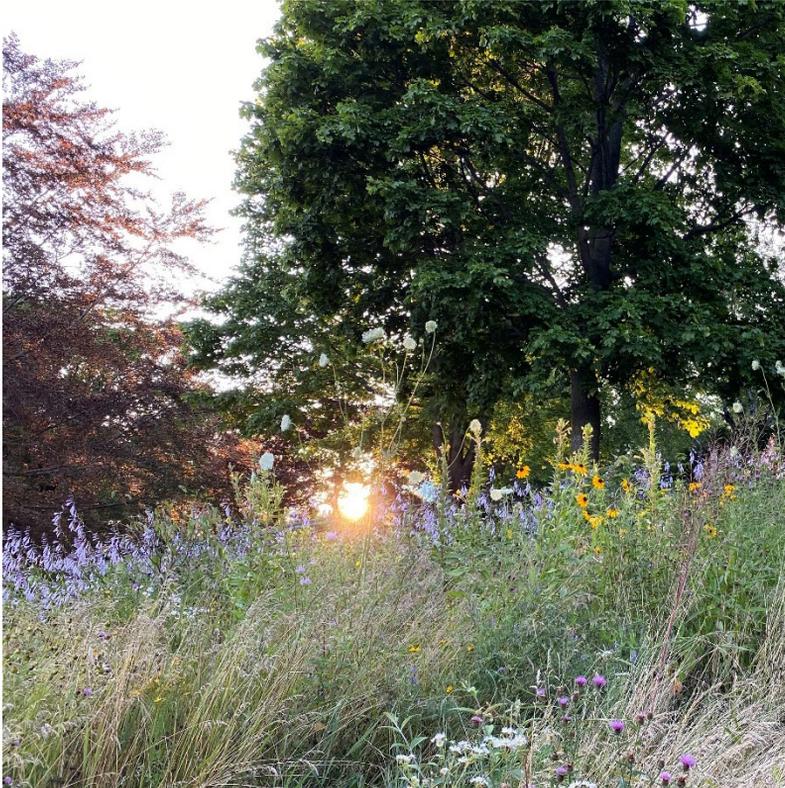
Origin

February 21, 2017 Regional Council motion:

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Nicoll that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of an HRM park naturalization strategy and that it be forwarded to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Leighton Dillman Park



Merv Sullivan Park



Sime Court ROW



Successes and Challenges

- Growing community interest with regular requests for naturalization.
- Relationships have been developed with the Mersey Tobiatic Research Institute, Tree Canada, and Dalhousie University.
- Naturalization projects demand staff resources for implementation, maintenance, and to coordinate volunteers and stakeholders.

Permanent Naturalization Program

- More resources are needed to implement a fulsome municipal-wide approach to naturalization, at a variety of scales.
- Funds for a dedicated project coordinator and two seasonal staff are recommended for consideration in 2023/24.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate staff resources, through the 2023/24 budget and business planning process, to commence an expanded municipal-wide naturalization program.