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**Item No. 15.4.1**

| <b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>  |  |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b><br>(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b><br>(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b> |
| <b>Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday August 20, 2024</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Subject: Nature-Based Stormwater Retrofit Program</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Motion:</b><br>That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report on a potential Public Works program to retrofit existing stormwater infrastructure to install nature-based solutions such as bioswales, and rain gardens  |  |  |
| <b>Reason:</b><br>HRM has implemented a few pilot projects such as the rain garden on Prince Albert Road and HRM requires developers in new communities to manage stormwater on site, but the municipality doesn't have a program to deal with retrofitting stormwater systems in existing communities. The result is a gap that leaves the potential for nature-based solutions unfulfilled. HRM should consider a retrofit program, with an emphasis for implementation where nature-based solutions can have potential water quality benefits. |  |  |
| <b>Outcome Sought:</b><br>Staff recommendation report   |  |  |
| <i>Councillor Sam Austin</i>  | <i>District 5</i>  |  |