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## Item No. 11.4.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</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 31/21</b>		
<b>Subject: Motion to Protect Wetlands</b>		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>That Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to review the Municipality's policies and regulations regarding wetlands as part of the Regional Plan Review, with the goal of maintaining their ecological functions, particularly in urban areas. This review should include consultation with the Province regarding applicable wetland legislation and recommend appropriate municipal regulations.</li></ul>		
<b>Reason:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Halifax Regional Municipality is in a period of rapid growth and is expanding into new areas. By maintaining the ecological function of wetlands, HRM can reduce stormwater drainage costs while protecting watersheds and local green areas for recreation, wildlife habitat and climate adaptation/mitigation. Currently HRM has few standards governing wetlands in new developments and few specific regulations to prevent damage to wetlands from occurring during the construction and development.</li></ul>		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recommendations for policies and regulations aimed at protecting the ecological integrity of urban wetlands, including optimum setbacks, means of reducing salt and other types of polluting runoff from roads, and fines for dumping cement, construction debris and garbage in wetlands.</li></ul>		
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