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Item No. 15.2.1
Halifax Regional Council
May 31, 2022

TO: Mayor Savage Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Councillor Mancini, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

DATE: May 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Application for Halifax as a Bird Friendly City

ORIGIN

May 5, 2022 meeting of Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee, Item 10.3.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order Number One, the Procedures of the Council Administrative Order:

Parks and Open Spaces

5. The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee shall:
 - (a) encourage the appropriate policy structure to address amount, use and protection of parks, forests (urban and rural) and open spaces for the use and enjoyment of the residents of the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report evaluating the application from Halifax to Nature Canada for certification as a bird friendly City.

BACKGROUND

On May 5, 2022 the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee received a presentation from Rebecca Parker, Coordinator Nature Nova Scotia and Autumn Jordan, Bird Friendly Coordinator, Nature Canada respecting the application by HRM to Nature Canada for certification as a bird friendly City.

Certification is granted to cities that have demonstrated a commitment to reducing threats to birds within their municipalities, protecting natural habitat and increasing climate resiliency, and actively engaging the

community in bird friendly initiatives. Other municipalities that have received this certification include Vancouver and Calgary.

DISCUSSION

Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee considered Nature Nova Scotia and Nature Canada's presentation at their May 5, 2022 meeting and approved the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications will be explored in a future staff report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk considerations will be explored in a future staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The agenda and reports of the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca, and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on Halifax.ca within three business days.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications will be explored in a future staff report.

ALTERNATIVES

The Standing Committee did not discuss alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Nature Nova Scotia – Application for Halifax as a Bird Friendly City Presentation

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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