

Request for Halifax Regional Council's Consideration		
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Date of Council Meeting: November 14, 2023		
Subject: Staff report on plan to protect Eastern Hemlock in HRM		
Motion for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report on a Management Plan for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in HRM. Woolly Adelgid is an emerging insect pest that can be fatal to hemlock. The Management Plan should include best practices for treatment, with a special focus on older hemlocks in HRM, and include funding sources to develop and implement the plan.		
Reason: Woolly adelgid was discovered in HRM for the first time a few months ago in Bedford. This pest poses a threat to HRM's hemlocks. There are Eastern Hemlock in HRM that are among the oldest trees in Nova Scotia at 400+ years old and they should be identified and prioritized for protection. There are hemlocks at Hemlock Ravine Park, Shubie Park, Fleming Park, Point Pleasant Park and other locations and it's requested that necessary resources for management of the HWA be included in the upcoming budget.		
Outcome Sought: Funding and staffing resources to develop a plan that could recommend protective measures for HRM's Eastern Hemlocks, in particular vaccination, which is showing good results at Kejimikujik National Park. Vaccines are a short term measure that could buy time while longer term protective measures can be developed.		
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