



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
April 09, 2024

DEER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION EXCERPT

Residents in the region, specifically District 9, are experiencing a large and growing deer population that is causing concern for many who live and travel through that community. It is not uncommon to see deer roaming neighborhoods, eating shrubs/flowers and resident's gardens, as well as creating hazards for drivers. The desire is to provide accurate information to all residents on what other areas are experiencing and approaches that may be beneficial both at a personal, municipal and provincial level to address safety concerns that have been raised.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CAO TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE AN INFORMATION REPORT ON DEER MANAGEMENT FOR THE JUNE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING.



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information X ☐	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: CoTW

Submitted by: John Smith Councilor District 9

Date: April 4, 2024

Subject: Deer Population

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

(State where ability for consideration comes from if applicable)

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Information Report

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion X ☐	Environment X ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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(Provide the Who, What, When, Where and Why. If a Councillor Activity Report check "Councillor Activity" and provide your update/info below in the "Discussion" section.)

DISCUSSION

I bring this discussion because it affects many of the residents and there seems to be misinformation about the situation so it would be desirable to have accurate information recorded in the minutes.

There is a large and growing deer population living in District 9. Fifteen years ago it was common to see one or two deer every now and then but the population has grown and it is common to see deer roaming the neighborhoods in large numbers, sometimes as many as 30

deer in one residential area. Falmouth is an ideal habitat for deer, they are protected from hunting because of the houses, they have plenty of woodland and fields to rest in and many shrubs to flowers to eat. In addition to eating peoples gardens the deer are a road hazard, many have been struck by vehicles causing hardship to both the drivers and the deer. I realize this type of wildlife situation is a Provincial jurisdiction but I'm wondering if other areas of our municipality have the same problem? Does the municipality have any means to help with this situation? Does the bylaw enforcement officer have any responsibility?

NEXT STEPS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

ALTERNATIVES

ATTACHMENTS

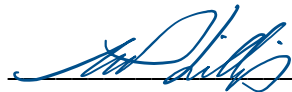
(List any attachment to the report, if anything.)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Staff will discuss the matter prior to the COTW meeting for an understanding of Provincial jurisdiction, educational programs and any control measures available under the Provincial Departments. Additionally, communities such as Truro have experienced deer population increases. We'll do a quick search to see if there are "best practices" that can be considered.

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Report Reviewed by:



Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer