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BRIEFING FORM

SUBMITTED TO: Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee

DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:

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DATE OF MEETING: December 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Japanese Knotweed, Shubie Canal Locks

ORIGIN

October 6, 2011, Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC), Invasive Species.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Fisher requested urgent clarification of responsibility for removal of Japanese Knotweed at Shubie Canal Lock between Lake Banook and Sullivans Pond.

DISCUSSION

Following discussions with Municipal Operations and Halifax Water (HW) staff, HW staff will enable Halifax Regional Municipality staff to get onto the lock to deal with the Japanese Knotweed infestation. A municipal customer service request was entered on November 10, 2011.

A contractor will be dispatched with instructions to remove the weeds using manual / mechanical means primarily.

ALTERNATIVES AND ASSOCIATED RISKS: None identified

IMPACT/BENEFITS: None identified

COMMUNICATION ISSUES/OPPORTUNITIES: None identified

ATTACHMENTS: None identified

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