



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

From: Paul Lagrandeur

Position: Director of Public Works

Title / Subject: Invasive Plant Species Report

Date of Report: July 19, 2022

Date of Meeting: July 25, 2022

Report No: 2022-CO-021

1.0 Issue / Origin

To investigate the locations of all Invasive Species and removal recommendations.

2.0 Background

Upon Council's request to address Brock Township's Invasive Species, staff received a grant for a "Hit Squad Student" through the Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Our student was with Brock Township for eight weeks to provide us with mapping, identifying and recommendations for the removal.

3.0 Analysis

Brendan Perry (our student) has prepared a report for Council.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

With the unknown of the severity of costs for action on the invasive species, staff recommend an annual operating budget of \$10,000 towards the action on Invasive Species starting in 2023, and will monitor costs associated with the process and report back through the budget process of any updates.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

As mentioned in the presentation the presence of invasive species can have a variety of negative impacts on both residents as well as wildlife and the natural environment.

7.0 Communications

8.0 Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing review, staff recommend all applications involved within the presentation.

9.0 Recommendation

On the basis of the foregoing review, it is recommended:

THAT staff report 2022-CO-021, Invasive Plant Species Report be received;

THAT staff propose a \$10,000 annual operating budget starting in 2023, pending Council approval of the 2023 Budget;

AND THAT staff be directed to follow guidelines and recommendations in managing all Invasive Plant Species as noted in the presentation.