THE TOWNSHIP OF GEORGIAN BAY Council Agenda

DATE: 14 August 2017

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WHEREAS The Township of Georgian Bay has identified Invasive Plant Species that are a threat to our Natural Environment, our Eco-System and our Residents Health;

AND WHEREAS The Township of Georgian Bay is working proactively with The District of Muskoka and many volunteer groups to hopefully eradicate these Invasive Plant Species;

AND WHEREAS the cost to provide these local programs is rising each year;

AND WHEREAS the identified plant species being Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed and Phragmites are currently found growing along Provincial Highways, namely Highway 400 in our Municipality and on Crown Lands;

AND WHEREAS the seeds from these plants are migrating on to Municipal lands and Municipal Road Allowances as well as Privately Owned Lands;

AND WHEREAS the fastest spreading Invasive plant is Phragmites which is currently eradicating Wetland Cattail fields which are a huge benefit to our eco-system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Georgian Bay requests the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ministry of Transportation to work collaboratively to eradicate these invasive species on Provincially owned lands;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities asking for their for support and copies be sent to our MPP Norm Miller, our MP Tony Clement and to our Premier Kathleen Wynn.

MAYOR