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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Deputy Mayor Steve Adams, Chair,
Taxi And Limousine Advisory Committee

DATE: May 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Review of Taxi Fares to Increase Taxi Rates

ORIGIN

Regional Council referred the decision to the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee as to whether a staff report regarding a taxi fare increase is needed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The report to Council be deferred for a period of three months to obtain input from the drivers, and
2. To monitor the ongoing gas prices since the date of the last fare increase in 2005.

BACKGROUND

At Regional Council on April 29, 2008, it was requested to have staff to do an immediate review of taxi fares with a recommendation on increasing taxi rates, as a result of ever-escalating gas prices which will have serious repercussions on drivers earning a fair wage. At that time, it was noted that no formal request from the Taxi Industry had been received.

DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued with it being noted that gas prices had not increased to the point that they were at in 2005 when the last increase in taxi fares was implemented. It was also noted that there were not enough drivers at the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee meeting to give a clear view of how the industry felt and the lack of drivers could indicate that they would be opposed to it.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

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