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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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DATE: April 28, 2005

SUBJECT: National Public Works Week - May 15 - 21, 2005

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Event sponsored by the American Public Works Association since 1960.

BACKGROUND

Since 1960, the American Public Works Association has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, public works professionals use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing, and operating the essence of our local communities.

DISCUSSION

This year, the North American theme of National Public Works Week is, "Public Works Is Everywhere You Look" to reflect the all-pervasive nature of public works. National Public Works Week is not only a celebration of the work achieved by staff in the Transportation & Public Works business unit, but members also use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing, and operating the essence of our local communities.

The kick-off event will take place at the Grand Parade on Wednesday, May 18, 2005 (Rain Date: Friday, May 20, 2005). Millions of dollars worth of municipal service equipment will be on display, as part of HRM's celebration of National Public Works Week. Transportation & Public Works Services representatives will be on hand to demonstrate the equipment (i.e. street sweepers, sewer pumpers, backhoes, dump and plow trucks, etc.) and to explain how the many municipal services are delivered to the public.

Crews will begin moving the heavy equipment and displays into place early Wednesday morning and the public is invited to drop by and visit from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children, accompanied by parents, and school groups are welcome.

A number of internal staff events will take place during the week of May 15 - 21st. These include barbeques, prize draws, and other activities.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Programs and activities around National Public Works Week cost approximately \$2,500.00. However, this cost is covered each year within the Transportation & Public Works Services operating budget.

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.

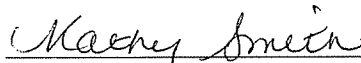
ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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