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Halifax Regional Council  
April 15, 2003

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** March 25, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Withdrawal from Fire Vehicles Reserve

**ORIGIN**

Mushaboom Volunteer Fire Department Unit # 76-160E has required extensive repairs in order to be operational.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the withdrawal of funds in the amount of \$20,967.64 from the Fire Vehicles Reserve to cover the repair costs of the Mushaboom Fire Department apparatus #76-160E.

## BACKGROUND

The Mushaboom Volunteer Fire Department has an approved operating budget(gross) for 2002/03 of \$32,400. In order to keep their vehicle in operation, it was identified that extensive body and mechanical repairs were needed. These repairs have been completed and the final cost has come in at \$20,967.64. With a limited budget, it is not possible for this Fire Department to absorb such costly repairs.

## DISCUSSION

At the Council meeting of July 16, 2002, Council approved the transfer of \$200,000 from Fire Services Operating accounts to account Q206, Fire Vehicles Reserve so that Fire and Emergency Services could address concerns regarding apparatus and equipment in the Rural Fire Departments. The situation in Mushaboom is a prime candidate for use of those funds.

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Financial Services confirms the amount of \$20,967.64 is available from the Fire Vehicles Reserve (Q206) to be transferred to operating account F717 6802, Mushaboom vehicle repair and maintenance, to cover the cost of extensive body and mechanical repairs incurred to unit #76-160E.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLANS

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy as well as relevant legislation.

## ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to the course of this action.

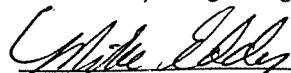
## ATTACHMENTS

None

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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