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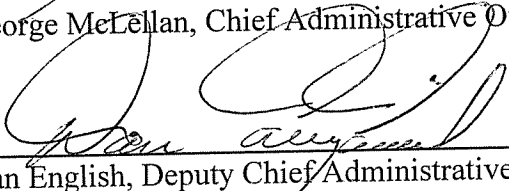
Halifax Regional Council
October 5, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Theodore Tugboat Fund

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

Council approve a payment in the amount of \$1,589.60, representing the balance remaining in the "Save Theodore Tugboat" Fund, to the United Way for the use in programs for children.

BACKGROUND

The "Save Theodore Tugboat" Fund was established as a result of the May 21, 2002 Council motion that HRM investigate the possibilities of Theodore Tugboat staying in Halifax Harbour and, that, through the Mayor's office, this fund be established. A total of \$5,986.28 was received in this fund.

Subsequently, the Halifax Tugboat Society was established with an objective to acquire the vessel and operate it as a tourist attraction within the HRM. In May 2003, Council approved that the funds in the account in the amount of \$5,986.28 be forwarded to the Halifax Tugboat Society and that they consider all fundraising possibilities in order to reach the goal of funding a business plan for options around Theodore Tugboat staying in Halifax Harbour. Further, that signing authority for disbursements be granted to Mr. Lew Rogers, Director, Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

Prior to the full funds transfer, however, the vessel was acquired by a private operator and the original intent of the transfer was no longer applicable. Expenses had been incurred, however, in investigating the condition of the vessel and what would be required to get the vessel certified to carry passengers. These expenses, totalling \$4,396.68 were paid from the Theodore Fund leaving a balance of \$1,589.60

DISCUSSION

With the acquisition of the vessel by a private operator and the original intent of the transfer to the Halifax Tugboat Society no longer applicable, staff is recommending that the balance of the donated funds be paid to the United Way, directed to programs for children. Legal Services has confirmed that this would be a satisfactory resolution for the use of the funds.

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

N/A

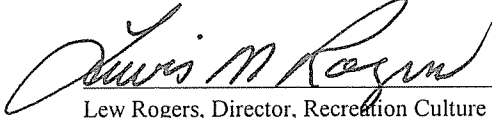
ATTACHMENTS

None

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