

Councillor Request for Information

Agenda Item for

Halifax Regional Council, January 27, 2004

Subject: Week-Long Closure of all HRM Public Libraries

Request:

Please have this item included on the agenda of the Halifax Regional Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 27 2004.

Reason:

All branches of the Halifax Regional Municipality Public Libraries will be closed between January 26 - February 1, 2004, inclusive. The rationale for the closures is to upgrade the automated library system. Although this is a necessary initiative, I question the length of the closure. Other private and public organizations all must upgrade their computing systems. Most other service organizations, for example banks, are able to perform the same type of upgrades without closing operations for a week.

I would like a staff report as to why the library is different.

I would like this response as:

Recommendation Report to Regional Council

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January 22, 2004