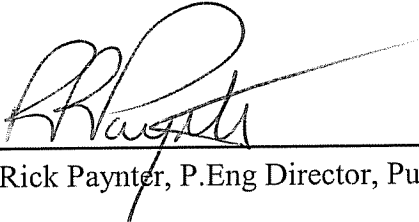




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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 11, 2004**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
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**DATE:** April 27, 2004

**SUBJECT:** National Public Works Week - May 16 - 22, 2004

### 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, “24/7: Focused on Our Community” to reflect the all-encompassing nature of public works. This year’s event is of particular importance to the HRM community in light of events in the past year, namely Hurricane Juan and the Blizzard of ‘04. National Public Works Week is not only a celebration of the work achieved by staff in the Public Works & Transportation business unit in the face of these latest disasters, but also directs the community to consider the major role public works plays in disaster response and recovery efforts.

The kick-off event will take place at Mic Mac Mall on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Millions of dollars worth of municipal service equipment will be on display, as part of HRM's celebration of National Public Works Week. Public Works & Transportation 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.

In addition, the kick-off event will include a Bike Rodeo to commemorate the “Blueprint for a Bicycle Friendly Halifax” initiative. A number of static displays, inside Mic Mac Mall, will also be available for viewing by the public that same day.

Crews will begin moving the heavy equipment and displays into place early Saturday 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 16 - 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 Public Works & Transportation 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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