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Halifax Regional Council
Tuesday, October 26, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Sheila Fougere
Councillor Sheila Fougere, Chair of the Bikeways Advisory Committee

DATE: October 18, 2004

SUBJECT: **Start-up Funding for the Annual Bike Week Event Volunteer Committee**

ORIGIN

The August 27, 2004 meeting of the Bikeways Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Direct HRM's Recreation, Tourism and Culture Department to provide seed money for the annual Bike Week event beginning in 2005.

BACKGROUND

At the August 27, 2004 meeting of the Bikeways Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the annual Bike Week event commenting the event requires more organization and planning. It was suggested that a Bike Week Volunteer Committee be formed to organize the annual event. It was further suggested that HRM's Recreation, Tourism and Culture Department be directed to provide seed money for the Volunteer Committee.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Subject to recommendations from the Bike Week Volunteer Committee.

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

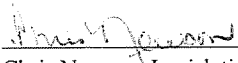
There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Excerpt of minutes from August 27, 2004 meeting.

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6. REPORTS

6.1 Bike Week Sub-Committee

Ms. Bischoff commented Bike Week was a great success although support from other groups was disappointing, specifically HRM. She added the Bikeways Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference indicates the Committee will assist HRM Staff with the planning of the event but this did not happen. She suggested a change to the Terms of Reference so there would be no expectation for HRM Staff to help out or, to approach Bike Week in a more organized manner next year with clear delegation of who is doing what. It is hoped that more groups could be involved for next year such as Bicycle Nova Scotia, Metro Transit and Mountain Equipment Co-op to help the event grow instead of shrinking.

Ms. Heather Deighan advised there were other people involved with the Bike Week event such as HRM Regional Trails, Ms. Roxane MacInnis and the HDBC (Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission) designed and printed a brochure/poster. She commented there was a lot of work done by others.

Mr. Ward Skinner added the early planning for this event did fall apart and it was not clear who was responsible for what. He suggested if this event is to go forward, clearer roles are needed as to who does what. A clear mandate from HRM on how they see their role in this would be beneficial before attracting other groups to become involved.

Councillor Fougere advised all big events that happen in HRM are typically run by Volunteer Committees with some staff support (typically clerical support). The Volunteer Committees meet year round to plan the event. She suggested a Bike Week Volunteer Committee be formed with possible seed money from HRM. The Bike Week Committee could then provide: the framework, organize a plan in advance, organize the budget, go about fund-raising and the overall organization of the event. Councillor Fougere added Bike Week has been an annual event for the last six years.

MOVED by Mr. Ward Skinner, seconded by Ms. Angela Bischoff that the Bikeways Advisory Committee recommend Regional Council request that HRM's Recreation, Tourism and Culture Department be requested to provide annual seed money for the annual Bike Week event beginning in 2005.

Councillor Fougere clarified that as a Sub-Committee of the Bikeways Advisory Committee, the Bike Week Volunteer group would require approval from the Bikeways Advisory Committee for any expenditure of funds/approval of plans.

Excerpt of Bikeways Advisory Committee minutes of August 27, 2004

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Mr. Dave McCusker suggested the motion be deferred to the next meeting as Mr. Mike Gillet was not present to address the issue at this time. Councillor Fougere suggested the motion go forward and further discussion be held at the next meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.