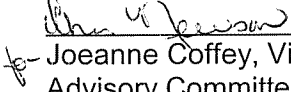




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REGIONAL COUNCIL  
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

FROM:   
Joanne Coffey, Vice-Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

DATE: December 14, 2004

SUBJECT: Self Service Gas Pumps

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**ORIGIN:**

Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities meeting held on November 15, 2004.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

**Regional Council:**

1. Contact the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and any other agencies in relation to gas pump regulations to express concern with the growing trend toward Self Service Gas Pumps.
2. Further, that organizations such as LEO (League for Equal Opportunities) and the provincial Disabled Persons Commission be copied on the correspondence.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities discussed the issue of lack of full service gas pumps in HRM at their November 15, 2004 meeting. The trend toward Self Service gas pumps is of great concern to citizens who are disabled, have limited mobility due to an accident/surgery or are Seniors and find it difficult to exit a vehicle, pump their own gas then go to the cash (usually inside) to pay for their purchase.

Being unable to pump one's own gas is a barrier in regards to accessibility and independence for many people. If a person is unable to pump their own gas and only Self Service gas pumps are to be found, a person must "depend" on someone else to accompany them each time a fill-up is required. For most, filling up a gas tank is done without prior planning. For persons with disabilities or persons with limited mobility, this seemingly simple task would require strategic planning.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternatives recommended at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.