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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: April 26, 2007

SUBJECT: National Public Works Week - May 20 - 26, 2007

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Staff

BACKGROUND

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often unsung heroes of our society - the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

DISCUSSION

This year, the North American theme of National Public Works Week is, “Public Works - Moving Life Forward” and is designed to raise the public’s awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The kick-off event will take place in the Grand Parade on Friday, May 25, 2007. Millions of dollars worth of municipal service equipment will be on display, as part of HRM's celebration of National Public Works Week. Transportation & Public Works 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. Several Public Works related table top displays will also be set up in Halifax Hall during the same time.

Crews will begin moving the heavy equipment and displays into place early Friday 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 20-26th. 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 Transportation & Public Works Services operating budget Operating Account R101-6999.

Budget Summary

Operating Account R101-6999, Service Delivery & Quality

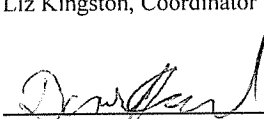
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$7,880
Less: NPWW	<u>\$2,500</u>
Uncommitted Balance	\$5,380

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.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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