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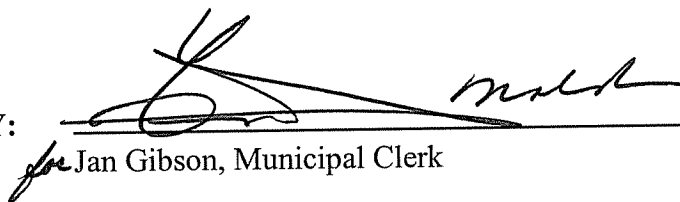


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Halifax Regional Council
May 29, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


for Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk

DATE: May 18, 2007

SUBJECT: 2007 School Band Performances for Regional Council Meetings

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This initiative is a continuation of the program begun in 2006 to showcase students participating in the Halifax Regional school band and choir programs. Six school groups will participate this year and their recorded performances will be broadcast during Council meeting breaks starting in September and continuing for a one year period.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

EastLink Television and the Halifax Regional School Board have again agreed to partner on this project. In this, the second year of the project, six groups will be recorded. Every attempt has been made to showcase both rural and urban school music programs. To that end, the school groups selected to perform this year are Madelyn Symonds, Eastern Passage Junior High, Musquodoboit Rural High, Cavalier Drive School, Tantallon Elementary and Dartmouth All City. EastLink will include information for each group on a banner at the bottom of the television screen during the performances.

This project is being cost shared between the School Board and EastLink Television. The School Board will provide band equipment and buses for the transportation of the students as well cover the \$25.00 performance fee each time the performances are aired. EastLink will provide the services of mobile video recording equipment, technicians and airtime for the performances.

Students will arrive at City Hall on Thursday, June 7, 2007 beginning at 8:30 a.m. with arrivals and departures slated throughout the day (see attached schedule). EastLink Television will record the performances in Halifax Hall. Beginning in September of this year these recordings will be aired preceding Council meetings and during recesses.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this initiative for HRM.

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 at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix "A" School Band Recording Schedule

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.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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**Proposed Times
Halifax City Hall
June 7th, 2007**

Specifics	Leave from School	Arrival	Play	Depart
Madelyn Symonds 41 students	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:45
Eastern Passage Junior High 45 students	9:00	9:30-40	9:45	10:30
Musquodoboit Rural High 40 students	8:40	10:00- 10:10	10:30	11:15
11:15-12:15 Set up				
Cavalier Drive School 58 students	11:10	11:50	12:15	1:00
Tantallon Elementary 69 students	11:50	12:30	1:00	1:45
Dart. All City	12:45	1:15	1:45	2:30