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

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**DATE:** July 16, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Provincial EMO Possible Expansion at Eric Spicer

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

This report originates with a request from Provincial Emergency Measures Operations (EMO) to expand their offices at the Eric Spicer building.

#### BACKGROUND

In 2006, Provincial EMO expressed interest in expanding their office accommodation at the Joint Emergency Measure Centre at the Eric Spicer Building. The Province has advised they are interested in approximately 8,000 additional square feet. The Eric Spicer Building however is currently fully occupied.

The Joint Emergency Measure Centre is of strategic importance to HRM and is often viewed by other Provinces as the optimum service standard. As a result staff is looking at the balance of the municipal occupancy to determine if a business or service function could be relocated to allow for the Provincial EMO expansion.

Most business units that could be relocated from this facility are either too large or too small, with the exception of the Police Patrol office. Discussions to date with Police staff on the concept of relocation have resulted in an interest from Police in using this issue to reevaluate the service delivery from the Eric Spicer location.

The indicative preference at this stage by Police is that a location more centrally located in Dartmouth would be an enhancement to the current service delivery. In order to further assess the feasibility for a relocated Dartmouth Patrol office to allow for the expansion of the Provincial EMO offices, staff anticipate advertising a Request for Proposals (RFP) for alternate accommodation for the Dartmouth Patrol Office.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are not budget implications at this time.

**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.

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