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Item No. 7

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

SUBMITTED BY:

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Cathie O'Toole, CGA - Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management

DATE: October 22, 2007

SUBJECT: Parking for motorcycles and mopeds

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting, August 7, 2007, item 13.1(ii).

BACKGROUND

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Uteck, seconded by Councillor Younger, that Regional Council request staff to research best practices with regard to an amendment to the parking by-law that would enable motorcycles and mopeds to park, free of charge, at municipally-owned parking meters.

Halifax Regional Municipality is currently undertaking a study about parking throughout HRM.

The Regional Parking Strategy commenced in October 2006. This study aims to look at parking throughout HRM, leading to draft policies and by-laws, recommendations and programs. This study is one of the outcomes of the Regional Plan and one of five functional plans that will make up the Transportation Master Plan.

DISCUSSION

The Regional Parking Strategy will be a comprehensive document that will include recommendations for new parking policies and standards throughout HRM. The report will be based upon Transportation Demand Management practices and Regional Planning policies that support compact mixed use, pedestrian and transit oriented centres.

Included within the original terms of reference was a deliverable to examine parking requirements for smaller vehicles such as motorcycles and scooters. In an amendment to the original terms of reference, this was reinforced.

The study is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2008. Recommendations regarding parking requirements and pricing recommendations for motorcycles, mopeds and scooters will be part of the final report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS


There are no budget implications.

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/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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