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

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
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DATE: May 1, 2009

SUBJECT: National Public Works Week - May 17 - 23, 2009

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, “Revitalize, Reinvest, Renew” 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 at the Grand Parade on Friday, May 22, 2009 - rain or shine. 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.

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 19-22nd. These include barbeques, prize draws, and other activities.

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’ operating budget.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this report

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/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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