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Halifax Regional Council
April 26, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: April 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Bike Week Event Volunteer Committee

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of October 26, 2004, Item 10.2.1

BACKGROUND

At the October 26, 2004 Halifax Regional Council meeting, the following recommendation of the Bikeways Advisory Committee was approved as follows and moved by Councillor Fougere:
“That regional Council direct Recreation, Tourism and Culture to provide seed money for the annual Bike Week Event beginning in 2005 and provide a report to Council with regard to this funding.”

DISCUSSION

In relation to the above-noted motion, Recreation, Tourism and Culture put forward a proposed incremental budget increase during the 2005-2006 budget deliberations to address a variety of requests to finance annual events not currently funded by HRM and requests to enhance funding to annual events which are currently funded by HRM. A portion of this proposed increase was

identified as possible funding for the Bike Week initiative, subject to clear identification of activities and need from the Bike Week committee. This incremental enhancement to the Civic Events and Festivals budget was not approved during staff deliberations.

A new Bike Week Committee was named in late 2004. Staff from RTC Community Recreation Services and RTC Civic Events and Festivals have been identified as representatives to support the committee. To date, these HRM staff have been providing support and guidance to the committee and are working with them to accurately determine needs, funding or otherwise.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This issue will have no direct impact on Recreation, Tourism and Culture's operating budget in the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipalities 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

Determined upon Council direction.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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