

**Request for Council's Consideration**

☒ **Included on Agenda**  
(Submitted to Municipal  
Clerk's Office by Noon  
Thursday)

☐ **Added Item**  
(Submitted to Municipal  
Clerk's Office by Noon  
Monday)

☐ **Request from the Floor**

**Date of Council Meeting: February 1, 2011**

**Subject: Community Foundations**

**Motion for Council to Consider:**

That Regional Council pass a motion requesting a report from staff on Community Foundations.

**Reason:**

As HRM is facing budget challenges we need to be creative in our approach to community building and cultural development. One tool is Community Foundations, although there may be others.

I would like a staff report on Community Foundations, how they work, what exists in HRM already, how the existing foundations are advancing community building and cultural development, and if there is a role for HRM and an opportunity to create additional. Secondly, I would like an overview of other opportunities that HRM may pursue as alternative funding sources in support of community building and cultural development and to refer the report to the Standing Committee on Community Planning & Economic Development for consideration and recommendation prior to returning to Regional Council.

**Outcome Sought:**

Staff report outlining options in response to this request.

Councillor *Lorelei Nicoll*

District 4

