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**Item No. 2**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 15, 2012**

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

Original Signed by Director

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Ken Reashor, P. Eng., Transportation & Public Works

**DATE:** April 23, 2012

**SUBJECT:** National Public Works Week – May 20-26, 2012

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### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

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#### **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 “Public Works: Creating a Lasting Impression” 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.

A new venue has been chosen this year and the kick-off event will take place at the Alderney Gate Parking Lot in Dartmouth, Thursday, May 24th with a rain date of May 25th. 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 Thursday 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.

Programs and activities around National Public Works Week cost approximately \$3,500. This cost is covered each year within the Transportation & Public Works’ operating budget.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications with this report.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality’s Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community Engagement was not deemed to be necessary as this report is only providing Council with information.

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