

Councillor Request for Information

Included on Agenda

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: February 21, 2006

Subject: Municipal Expenditures/HRM's Mandate

Request:

Please add the above item to the February 21, 2006 Regional Council agenda.

Reason:

In light of the continuing trend of increasing property assessments, and the fact that most of HRM's revenue is obtained from property taxes, it is prudent for Council to be fiscally responsible in ensuring that tax dollars are spent on expenditures that are clearly within HRM's mandate and within the focus areas identified as priorities by both Council and our residents. If an expenditure is not within HRM's mandate, the justification for the expense needs to be clearly identified.

Therefore, I would like to request, as a matter of procedure, that all staff reports recommending an expenditure of funds include a section that identifies whether or not the expenditure falls within HRM's clearly defined mandate. If not, the staff report must contain an explanation of the rationale for the expenditure.

I would like this response as:

- Email to Mayor, Council and Municipal Clerk's Office
 Memo to Mayor, Council and Municipal Clerk's Office
 Information Report to Community Council Regional Council
 Recommendation Report to Community Council Regional Council

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District 17