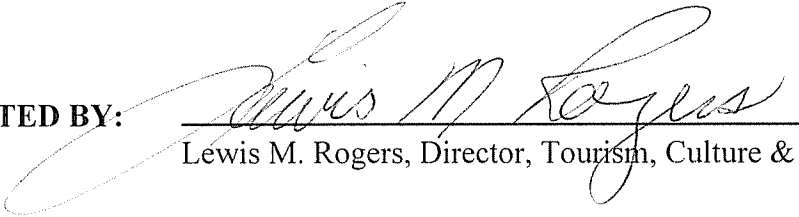


Halifax Regional Council  
12 February 2002

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Lewis M. Rogers, Director, Tourism, Culture & Heritage

**DATE:** 7 February 2002

**SUBJECT:** Marketing Levy - Exemption for Acts of God

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

January 10, 2002 Regional Council Meeting, First Reading of Bylaw H- 400.

### BACKGROUND

At the January 10, 2002 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, Councillor Sloane requested that consideration be given to providing an exemption within the proposed bylaw for residents displaced from their homes due to "Act of God" disasters.

The Councillor requested that research be done into the feasibility of managing the necessary documentation of an exemption:

- 1) where mass evacuation is ordered; by using the EMO/Red Cross registration process enacted at official evacuation centres; and;
- 2) for evacuations where only single individuals or small numbers are displaced, the District Councillor could possess and distribute certificates of exemption for distribution.

**DISCUSSION**

Time available between 1<sup>st</sup> reading and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the proposed bylaw has not been sufficient to determine if either or both of these suggestions are feasible. The research is underway and will be the subject of a report at a later date.

Council can consider an amendment to the bylaw at that time.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

None

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

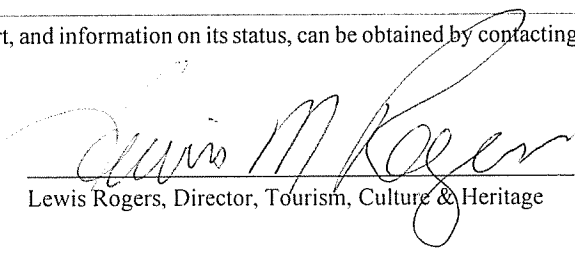
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**ALTERNATIVES**

Not applicable

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