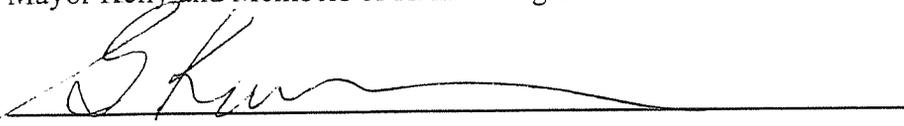


TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Geri Kaiser, Director Shared Services

DATE: February 26, 2002

SUBJECT: MacPass Usage - HRM Fleet

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN - On February 25, 2002, Councillor McInroy asked staff for supplementary information to accompany the Information Report MacPass Usage Agenda Item 8.11.

BACKGROUND - In the original Information Report dated February 12, 2002, staff indicated that they would be working with Business Units who use Fleet vehicles to encourage and promote the use of MacPass.

DISCUSSION - Since the original report was tabled, staff of Fleet Services have identified approximately 250 vehicles, including cars, light duty trucks, 3 ton and 5 ton vehicles in the General Fleet system that they are recommending be equipped with the MacPass transponders.

The larger Business Units, (Public Works & Transportation, Parks & Recreation Services and Real Property Services), which account for approximately 200 vehicles, have been advised that this transition will start in March, 2002. The balance of the vehicles will be completed in April, 2002.

Fleet Services and the Business Units see the obvious benefits associated with the use of the MacPass and are confident this system will be efficient, effective and tamper proof.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS - The costs associated with the investment in the transponder will be recovered through savings in bridge fares and other efficiencies.

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