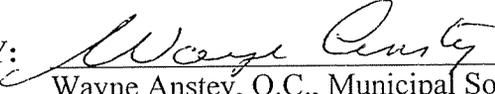


Halifax Regional Council  
September 17, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:   
Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor

DATE: September 09, 2002

SUBJECT: **Petition - Councillor Adams re Ban on Use of Exotic Animals  
in Circus Acts**

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### INFORMATION REPORT

**Origin:**

At the meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on August 20, 2002, Councillor Adams presented a petition containing approximately 322 signatures of residents supporting a ban on the use of exotic animals in circus acts. Further, we request that the Provincial Government enact legislation prohibiting the use of these animals in circuses.

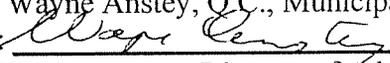
**Background/Discussion:**

Staff has previously advised Council on several occasions that the Municipality does not have jurisdiction to enact a By-law banning the use of exotic animals in circus acts in Halifax Regional Municipality. On July 10, 2001, Council passed a resolution that Council request the Province to amend the applicable legislation to extend jurisdiction to municipalities, at least to HRM, to enact by-laws to ban the use of exotic and wild animals in circuses. In accordance with the protocol established between the Province and UNSM, this resolution was presented to the 2001 UNSM Annual Meeting, where it was defeated. As a result the Province has not adopted the amendments requested. The Petition has been sent to the Province for their information.

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