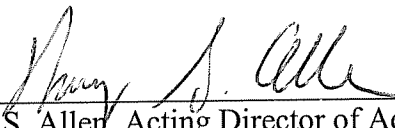


Halifax Regional Council

INFORMATION

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Barry S. Allen, Acting Director of Administrative Services

DATE: August 27, 2002

SUBJECT: **Proclamations**

Origin:

At the Council meeting held on August 20, 2002, Notice of Motion was given that an amendment would be introduced to Administrative Order Number 1, the effect of which would be to make proclamations an item for inclusion with the information reports which are distributed to Council. Proclamations would no longer be read at Council meetings.

Background:

Administrative Order Number 1 contains no reference to proclamations and therefore it does not require amendment.

Discussion:

As far as staff can gather including proclamations as the second item on the agenda and reading them at a Council meeting developed as a practice rather than as a formal requirement of the rules of order.

Proclamations are purely honorary matters having no legal significance whatever and therefore Council is not required to act on them.

If Council no longer wishes to have proclamations read at meetings of Council, it merely has to direct staff to no longer include proclamations as a reported agenda item, and they would be reported to Council as an information item.

Further information regarding the contents of this report may be obtained by contacting Barry S. Allen, Manager of Legal Services at 490-4226. For additional copies or information on the report's status, please contact the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4234 or 490-4208(Fax).