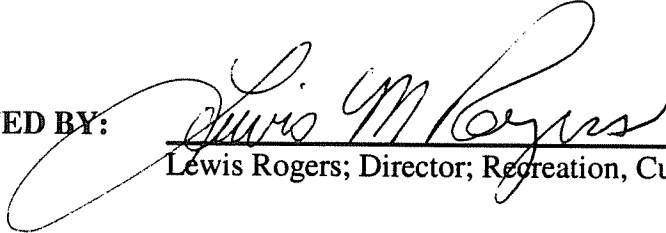




Halifax Regional Council
April 1, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Lewis Rogers; Director; Recreation, Culture, and Heritage

DATE: March 24, 2003

SUBJECT: "Play On" Street Hockey Tournament

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Staff

BACKGROUND

The William Wilson Group, a Calgary based sports marketing and event management company, has approached the HRM Special Events Task Force¹ with a proposal for a major street hockey tournament as part of a series of large-scale high profile street hockey tournaments across Canada. The "Play On! Official Canadian Street Hockey Tournaments" are scheduled to take place in eight cities across Canada this summer and are similar in concept to the "NBA Hoop It Up" 3 on 3 outdoor basketball tournament held in HRM last summer. The William Wilson Group intends to organize, co-ordinate, operate, and finance these street hockey tournaments privately with no funding requested from HRM.

¹ The HRM Special Events Task Force is comprised of all the Divisions and Departments of the corporation that are affected by events and/or provide services to events. Eg. Police Services, Fire Services, Traffic Services, Parks, Transit Services, Streets & Roads,

DISCUSSION

The “Play On! Official Canadian Street Hockey Tournament” organizers have requested street closures in order to accommodate up to 70 “street rinks” that will provide the venue for the games in Halifax on the May 31 - June 1 weekend. The HRM Special Events Task Force has considered this request and recommended that the Engineer² authorize the closure of Cogswell Street from Robie Street to North Park Street and Trollope Street from Bell Road to North Park Street for this event. These streets would be closed from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30 for set up and would re-open no later than 5:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2. The tournament would operate from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31 and from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1. The street hockey games would be held on the streets. Promotional displays as well as various sponsor and vendor tents will be set up on adjacent areas of the Commons. There will be no alcohol available at this tournament. A public address system will be used for announcements and music.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None at this time. The tournament organizers will pay in advance for all municipal services.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report complies with the Municipality’s Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

² Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act

ATTACHMENTS

None.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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