



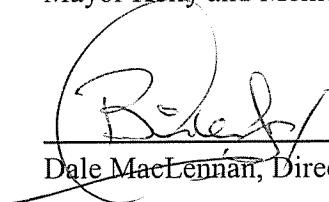
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Halifax Regional Council
November 25, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Dale MacLennan, Director, Financial Services

DATE: November 19, 2003

SUBJECT: Sidewalk Snowplowing Deficit by District

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the September 2, 2003 meeting of Regional Council, it was requested that staff provide a breakdown by District, and in particular District 19, of the deficit for sidewalk snow removal.

BACKGROUND

On June 17, 2003, Regional Council approved a staff recommendation that, effective with the 2003-04 fiscal year, a common area rate of 1.5¢ be implemented in all areas of the HRM which receive sidewalk snowplowing service. The approved recommendation also specified that separate area rates to fund area-rated sidewalk snowplowing deficits incurred to March 31, 2003 be applied to those areas which had the service as of that date. One-half of the deficit would be recovered in each of 2003-04 and 2004-05.

DISCUSSION

District 15, which had a separate area rate in 2002-03, had a deficit of \$34,268. The area rate required to recover this amount over each of 2003-04 and 2004-05 is 0.3¢. Along with the 1.5¢ cost for the upcoming year residents in District 15 would pay 1.8¢ in total.

For the other areas currently receiving the service, the deficit to March 31, 2003 of \$905,621 was also to be collected by an area rate over two years. Their rate would be 0.6¢ for a total rate of 2.1¢. Since District 16 would only begin receiving the service in 2003-04, residents there would pay only the 1.5¢ and would not share in the cost of any deficit.

The breakdown of the deficits to March 31, 2003 by District follows below. With the exception of District 15 which had a separate area rate and deficit, the deficit for all other Districts which had the service in 2002-03 is distributed based on kilometres of sidewalks. The deficit for those Districts was \$2,670.66 per kilometre.

District	Length (kms)	Deficit to 31 Mar 03	District	Length (kms)	Deficit to 31 Mar 03
2	7.7	\$ 20,564	15	28.8	\$ 34,268
3	0.1	267	18	20.6	55,016
4	28.9	77,182	19	15.2	40,594
5	25.0	66,767	20	21.3	56,885
6	23.1	61,692	21	22.2	59,289
7	26.7	71,307	22	1.3	3,472
8	29.6	79,052			
9	45.3	120,981	Totals:	367.9	\$939,889
10	72.1	192,555			

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Since these deficits are funding through area rates, there are no implications to the Operating Budget.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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.

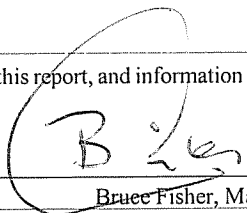
ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

None

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