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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Bus Shelter Donation

ORIGIN

In June 2016, the Mission to Seafarers Halifax requested donation of two surplus bus shelters for use at their Halifax terminal location to provide shelter to Seafarers.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM's policy on the donation of Surplus Assets is contained in HRM Administrative Order # 35, the Procurement Policy, Section 13 (4) which states:

The disposal of surplus assets without competition to any not-for-profit corporation, association, or entity or any Municipality, Crown Corporation School Board, or any level of government shall be awarded by Halifax Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the donation of two Bus Shelters to the Mission to Seafarers Halifax.

BACKGROUND

The Mission to Seafarers Halifax is a Canadian non-profit charity. As part of a worldwide network of Anglican sponsored Missions, the Halifax Mission offers seafarers help and support when their ships arrive in port.

They provide a “home away from home”, including everyday interactions between the seafarers, Mission staff and volunteers. Examples of support include transferring money home to support family, using free WIFI, the provision of warm clothing in the winter, or loaning out cell phones on board ships for those who must remain on board.

The Mission has requested donation of two bus shelters that they would install next to their facility, for use by seafarers when the mission is closed, allowing them to obtain WIFI from the Mission building during inclement weather, under shelter.

DISCUSSION

Halifax Transit regularly replaces bus shelters as part of their shelter replacement program. Shelters 15 years or older are replaced as part of the replacement program.

In some cases, usable parts are retained for repairs to other shelters, but generally the shelters have no useful value and are disposed of by a contractor on standing offer as part of their contract.

In donating these bus shelters, the mission to Seafarers would be accepting the shelters “as is, where is” with no risk to the municipality with transfer of ownership. The Mission would be responsible for transportation to their location.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

These bus shelters are scheduled for replacement. They are disposed of as solid waste, and have no residual value to HRM.

RISK CONSIDERATION

These shelters would be donated “as is, where is” and HRM would not be responsible for transportation, assembly, or future maintenance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Non identified

ALTERNATIVES

Not to donate the bus shelters.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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