

Request for Council's Consideration	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday) <input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> August 9, 2022	
<b>Subject: Snow and Ice Clearing Contract Damage Liabilities</b>	
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b>	
<p>That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on HRM taking on additional responsibility for damage done to private property during snow and ice removal by contractors. Report should consider options in which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) HRM takes over sole responsibility for damages,</li><li>(2) Scenarios where HRM takes responsibility for assessing and approving claims, but cost for repairs are still born by the relevant contractor and;</li><li>(3) Options where HRM could function as a sort of ombudsman/appeal route for resolving claims disputes</li></ul>	
<b>Reason:</b>	
<p>HRM contracts out snow and ice removal in large portions of the municipality. Damage done in snow clearing is handled by the contractor and HRM takes no part in assessing or managing claims. This, at times, has unsatisfactory results for residents who expect HRM to take responsibility for damages given that damage was done by an HRM contractor clearing an HRM street/sidewalk. The result can be a lack of consistency for residents since how responsive contractors are to claims varies. Given that this is an HRM service on an HRM street, the municipality should consider taking on more responsibility for the service provided.</p>	
<b>Outcome Sought:</b>	
Staff recommendation report	
Councillor Sam Austin	District 05