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Item No. 15.5.2

Request for Regional Council Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023		
Subject: Beaver Bank Bypass		
Motion for Regional Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff information report on the Beaver Bank Bypass project including a history of the provincial project, what HRM's involvement was (including our financial commitments at the time) and what our possible future involvement with provincial and federal partners could look like.		
Reason: The province of Nova Scotia proposed the Beaver Bank Bypass in the late 1990's. Previous traffic studies, including the Sackville Transportation Study (1996) and the Regional GoPlan Study (1996), identified the need for highway network improvements to address future deficiencies on the Beaver Bank Road. These studies recommended construction of a new parallel highway to reduce traffic volumes on the existing road. Widening of the Beaver Bank Road was not recommended because of the significant property damage that would occur given the presence of extensive roadside development. The project made it to the environmental assessment phase but was declared null and void by the province in 2002. The need has not changed and current MLA for Beaver Bank, Brian Wong, wants to move forward with the bypass project. This report will give the history and suggestions on how the municipality can support any future provincial bypass project.		
Outcome Sought: Information report on the history of the Beaver Bank Bypass project and what HRM's involvement/role was/will be on a go forward basis.		
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