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Item No. 11.4.1

Request for Council's Consideration	
☐ Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday once week prior to meeting)	
Date of Council Meeting:	
Subject: Assistance for the Beirut Explosion	
Motion for Council to Consider:	
That Halifax Regional Council pledge up to \$200,000 toward Beirut explosion assistance and direct the CAO to work with the Lebanese Community and/or Honorary Consul for Lebanon to determine the best use of funds and return to Council with a recommendation and a source of funds.	
Reason:	
There are similarities between the Halifax explosion and this tragic explosion in Beirut. Just as our neighbours came rushing to our aid, it is important for us to pay this help forward to the residents of Beirut. As well, there is a large community of Lebanese residents here in Halifax who contribute to vibrancy, vitality, and spirit of our great regional municipality. We should work with them to help alleviate this tragedy in their former homeland.	
Outcome Sought:	
Appropriate assistance for the Beirut explosion from Halifax Regional Municipality.	
Councillor Shawn Cleary	District 9 – Halifax West Armdale