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Item No. 17.2

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: January 26, 2016		
Subject: Discovery Centre Funding		
Motion for Council to Consider: The recent Discovery Centre agreement with HRM did not enable consecutive funding as originally expected, therefore, I move that Regional Council request a staff report on the request from the Discovery Centre for HRM to provide consecutive operational funding of \$145,000 for a three year period, as outlined in the attached letter.		
Reason:		
Outcome Sought:		
<i>Councillor Adams</i>	<i>District 11</i>	

Discovery Centre

Nova Scotia's Hands-On Science Centre

Michael Ryan
Manager Facility Partnerships
Parks and Recreation
Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

October 30, 2015

Dear Michael:

First, let me thank you and your team for HRM's continued commitment to The Discovery Centre. We applaud HRM's focus on youth engagement, promoting an innovative culture, economic development, and supporting families across the region

Discovery Centre would like to request it's annual contribution for 2015/2016 of \$145,000 payable in three equal installments before January 31st, 2016, February 28th, 2016, and March 31st, 2016. We will supply invoices upon receipt of the executed agreement.

The Discovery Centre had a very successful 2014-2015 year and set a record breaking pace other than the winter March break period. The Centre is in a strong financial position and has met or exceeded outcomes. The Centre is also transitioning to its new \$20m facility from July to October 2016. Construction is well underway, on schedule and on budget.

The current contribution agreement was not executed until October 16th, 2014, as it was the first such agreement between HRM and TDC. As such, the Discovery Centre did not have a full year in which to fully develop, measure, and refine outcomes. I would like to request that we update the agreement and use this current fiscal year 2014-2015 as the base year.

We would like to work with your team to re-work some of the deliverables in the agreement, as the measures need to be updated to reflect transition activities to the *New Discovery Centre*. Attached is all the information you require for this year including our annual report and budget.

We would also like to discuss a three-year operating agreement which will offer a much better measuring period given the nature of Discovery Centre's operations and its transition to the new facility next year.

Yours very truly,

Original Signed

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President & CEO

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