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North West Community Council  
November 25, 2010

**TO:** Chair and Members of the North West Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Mr. John Merrick, Chair, North West Transit Advisory Committee

**DATE:** October 28, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Request for Street Lighting - Hammonds Plains Road  
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### **ORIGIN**

The October 13, 2010 North West Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the North West Community Council request that the HRM Department of Transportation and Public Works:

1. Install streetlights along the Hammonds Plains Road near Metro Transit bus stops located in the areas of Yankeetown Road, Pine Tree Road and Northwood Road due to safety concerns for pedestrians and motorist.
2. Alter the Route 33 so that it would commence at the Hubley Centre, turn into Flat Lake Drive, onto Windsor to Nottingham back to the Hammonds Plains Road, right turn onto Rockcliffe and along Pine Tree Road to Hammonds Plains Road at Northwood then onto Yankeetown West and exist at Yankeetown East then continue along its present route.

## **BACKGROUND**

The North West Transit Advisory Committee has raised concern with the dangerous situation commuters, both pedestrian and vehicular, have experienced along the Hammonds Plains Road, specifically when approaching and while waiting at a Metro Transit Bus Stop.

## **DISCUSSION**

Improving safety by installing street lighting along the Hammonds Plains Road in the areas of Pine Tree, Northwood and Yankeetown Road, would encourage more residents in the Halliburton Heights and Yankeetown Subdivisions to utilize the Metro Transit/Metro X service. Currently, residents must walk in the dark and wait at a dark bus stop in speed limit zones of 80km/h. During the winter months, concern for safety along this route, due to the limited daylight hours and snow/snow removal, is heightened as residents waiting for the bus must step in the ditch or run across the road to avoid a snowplough that may be approaching on their side of the road. With the lack of street lighting, this situation is of grave concern for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Currently, most bus stops along the controlled access portion of the Hammonds Plains Road are located several yards from subdivision intersections. The majority of passengers who use the transit service live in these subdivisions. Safety is the key reason why many residents will not utilize the transit service.

The North West Transit Advisory Committee also request, that consideration be given to altering the Route 33 so that it would commence at the Hubley Centre, turn into Flat Lake Drive, onto Windsor to Nottingham back to the Hammonds Plains Road, right turn onto Rockcliffe and along Pine Tree Road to Hammonds Plains Road at Northwood then onto Yankeetown West and exist at Yankeetown East then continue along its present route.

Ensuring pedestrian safety and vehicular efficiency is the desired outcome, therefore; the North West Transit Advisory Committee strongly recommends that the North West Community Council encourage the Department of Transportation and Public Works to take immediate action to upgrade safety along the Hammonds Plains Road.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Unknown at this time.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The North West Transit Advisory Committee has a current membership of eleven (11) with ten (10) of the members being citizen representatives from the districts under the North West Community Council and one (1) elected official representing the North West Community Council. The Community Engagement requirement has been met.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. The North West Community Council may choose not to request that the Transportation and Public Works department install street lighting along the Hammonds Plains Road. This is not the recommended action.

### **ATTACHMENTS - NONE**

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