

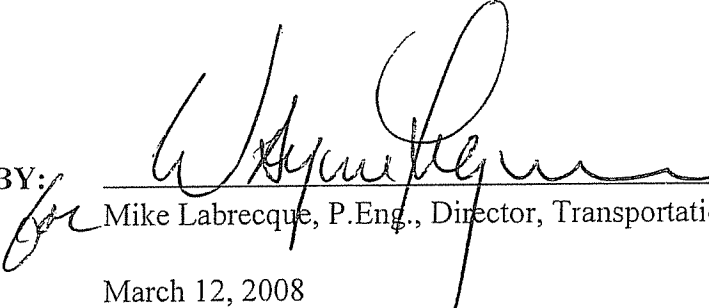
Information  
Item 1



PO Box 1749  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3J 3A5 Canada

Mobile Home Park Committee  
March 18, 2008

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Mobile Home Park Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works

**DATE:** March 12, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Mobile Home Parks - Street Lighting Policy

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

Item 4.2 raised at the September 18, 2007 meeting of the Mobile Home Park Committee.

### BACKGROUND

It was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Walker, that staff provide information to the street light policy as it applies to lights in mobile home parks, if it is legally feasible to take over lights and the cost implication associated, as well as a breakdown of tax revenue generated by mobile home parks.

An information report was submitted by Finance staff to the Mobile Home Park Committee on January 8, 2008 which addressed the tax revenue portion of this motion.

**DISCUSSION**

The current HRM policy provides for the maintenance of street lights within the public right-of-way and not on private lands including roadways within mobile home parks. However, at amalgamation, Regional Council grand-fathered street light maintenance on several private roadways including some within mobile home parks. According to our records, there are 28 mobile home parks and currently HRM maintains street lights in four:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of street lights*</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>
Wonderland Mobile Home Park	9	\$ 1,355.64
Mountainview Mobile Home Park	36	\$ 5,722.92
Westphal Mobile Home Park	15	\$ 2,525.40
Marina Mobile Home Park	3	\$ 505.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$10,109.04</b>

\* Please note that these are the number of street lights maintained by HRM. There are other street lights within each mobile home park that are maintained by others. Since amalgamation, some of these parks have expanded and have added lighting through NSPI and billed to the respective owners.

There are significant cost implications associated with the transfer of street light ownership to HRM within mobile home parks. In order to determine the approximate costs, considerable resources would have to be dedicated to conduct a street light inventory in each park to determine the location and type of each fixture. Then, all fixtures would have to be relamped and upgraded to meet HRM standards. Once transferred to HRM, the ongoing operating, maintenance, and capital costs would be \$150.65 - \$198.25 annually per street light fixture depending on wattage.

Based on the above, it is recommended that HRM do not assume ownership of street lights within mobile home parks. Furthermore, there are approximately 1,060 private roads within HRM that do not have municipally maintained street lights. Should the property owners abutting these roadways request the same consideration, then it would have a tremendous impact on the annual operating budget.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

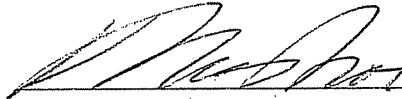
There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

Report Prepared by: Taso Koutroulakis, P.Eng., Senior Traffic Operations Engineer, 490- 4816



Report Approved by: Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Manager, Traffic & Right of Way, 490-6637

