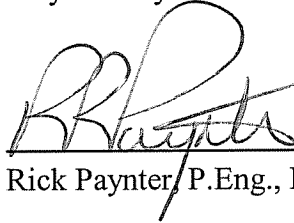


Halifax Regional Council
February 17, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Rick Paynter, P.Eng., Director, Public Works and Transportation

DATE: February 9, 2004

SUBJECT: Petition for the Upgrading of Topsail Blvd. - East Region

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of January 20, 2004, Item 8.2.1.

BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting held on January 20, 2004, Councillor Sarto served a petition from residents in the vicinity of Topsail Boulevard expressing concern regarding the disrepair of Topsail Boulevard. The Councillor asked that the petition be referred to staff for a response. This report is in response to that petition.

DISCUSSION

Topsail Boulevard is a minor collector street which runs from Mount Edward Road to Dorothea Drive. This is an asphalt street with underground services and asphalt and concrete curbs.

Topsail Boulevard is broken into two sections under our Pavement Condition Management System (PCMS).

Topsail Boulevard (Mount Edward Road to Digby Crescent). The SDI pavement rating is 4.14, which is indicative of a street that requires resurfacing. The PCMS indicates the concrete curb is poor in some areas, however, the curb was snow covered when reviewed recently by staff and therefore could not be fully evaluated. The PCMS indicates the concrete sidewalk may need some spot repairs.

Topsail Blvd (Digby Crescent to Dorothea Drive). The SDI pavement rating is 0.00, which is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction, possibly removing the asphalt and replacing the existing gravels and asphalt surface. There is asphalt curb on the east side that should be replaced and spot repairs to the concrete curb and sidewalk.

The majority of the rideability problems associated with this street are caused by settled service trenches, potholes that are fairly deep, large cracks, and old asphalt patches that are beginning to fail.

Topsail Boulevard is not included in the draft budget for 2004/05 nor is it presently on the tentative listing for 2005/06 or 2006/07. Staff will, however, prepare an estimate for the cost of resurfacing, reconstruction and replacing the asphalt curb, and will include it for consideration along with similar projects for a future Capital Budget year. In the interim, staff of Streets and Roads, and Technical and Underground Services will be requested to review the street for general maintenance.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

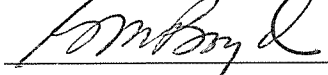
There are no recommended alternatives at this time.

ATTACHMENT

Copy of an area map from the Pavement Management System

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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