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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**February 17, 2004**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Rick Paynter, P/Eng., Director, Public Works & Transportation

**DATE:** February 2, 2004

**SUBJECT:** **Marked Crosswalk, Road Realignment, and Sidewalk Request - St. Margaret's Bay Road**

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Halifax Regional Council meeting of October 7, 2003, item 9.4.1 (i).

**BACKGROUND**

At the meeting of Council held on October 7, 2003, it was moved by Councillor Mosher, seconded by Councillor Smith that staff revisit the installation of a marked crosswalk on St. Margaret's Bay road in light of the recent development of Stoneridge on the Park and the fact that many elementary students from this area must cross the Bay Road to attend Springvale Elementary School.

## **DISCUSSION**

Although not indicated in the above motion, the location of the requested marked crosswalk and new sidewalk on St. Margaret's Bay Road is in the section between Keating Road and Douglas Drive.

Traffic Authority approval for installation of a marked crosswalk in this area is conditional upon the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of St. Margaret's Bay Road which will provide a proper pedestrian refuge area and enable safe access to the marked crosswalk for all potential pedestrian crossings from Keating Road to Douglas Drive. The specific location of the marked crosswalk will be determined by several factors, including sight distance, bus stops, and where the majority of crossings occur as determined by staff review.

In previous reports to Council on the issue of a sidewalk on the north side of St. Margaret's Bay Road from Keating Road to Douglas Drive, two options were presented. The first option suggested the realignment of St. Margaret's Bay Road to accommodate the new sidewalk. Although this option would avoid the relocation of an existing retaining wall on the north side, it would result in other considerable costs, reduce the safety of this curve, and is therefore not the best solution.

The second and preferred solution requires relocation of the existing retaining wall (directly across from Fairmount Road) to accommodate the new sidewalk. This option does not reduce any of the safety elements of this curve in the road. The cost of relocating the retaining wall and the installation of sidewalk between Keating Road and Douglas Drive is estimated to be \$250,000. The installation of this sidewalk will be presented for consideration in future capital budgets.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications at this time.

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

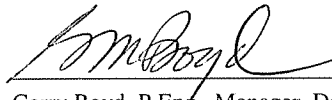
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives at this time.

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