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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Traffic Authority

DATE: September 26, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition-Councillor Walker-Request for Restricted Parking on Ralston Avenue**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of June 21, 2005, item 9.2.1.

BACKGROUND

Local residents have petitioned for limited time parking signs to be installed so as to offer some relief from all-day parking occurring on their street between Pearson Ave. and Abbott Dr. This all-day parking is associated with nearby businesses.

DISCUSSION

Ralston Ave. is wide enough to safely accommodate two-sided parking. A previous petition from residents who live in the more southerly block, between Mumford Rd. and Pearson Ave. was successful in having a "One Hour, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday" parking time limit approved. This approval was based upon the fact that both sides of the street were occupied daily by long-term parkers leaving little or no space for local residents and their guests. The signs were installed on existing wood poles along the east side of that block in April 2004.

This current petition requests similar treatment for a short portion of the block between Pearson Ave. and Abbot Dr. Visits confirm that the demand for all-day parking in this block is mostly concentrated on the west side and at the south end of the block. There is very little demand for parking in the remainder of the block; so, there is plenty of curb space available for residents and their guests alike to park.

The Traffic Authority is not prepared to approve this request since there is no shortage of available parking spaces in this block, special sign posts would be required to effect the sign installation, and the all-day parkers would simply relocate, thus relocating the problem and perpetuating the request for additional signs and posts.

There was some delay in addressing this issue as the petition was unclear as to what sign message was being requested and upon which side of the street the signs were to be installed. This matter was eventually clarified through consultation with the residents.

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.

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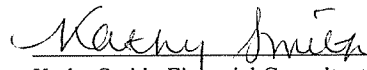
ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives.

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.

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