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

SUBMITTED BY:

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Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works
Services

DATE: October 28, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition for New Sidewalk, Old Beaver Bank Road - Central Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of October 11, 2005, Item 9.2.1 - Petition requesting the installation of sidewalk on Old Beaver Bank Road.

BACKGROUND

At the October 11, 2005 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Harvey served a petition from residents requesting the installation of a sidewalk on Old Beaver Bank Road from Sackville Drive to Glendale Drive.

DISCUSSION

Old Beaver Bank Road is characterized as a minor collector road in Lower Sackville. The road generally runs north/south and is approximately 1320 m in length. Due to limited annual funding for new sidewalks and the magnitude of this project, it has been divided into three separate phases. Phase 1 is from Sackville Drive to the seniors complex (approximately 270 m); phase 2, from the seniors complex to Lois Drive (approximately 500 m); and phase 3, from Lois Drive to Glendale Drive (approximately 550 m).

The work would consist of installing concrete curb & gutter, concrete sidewalk and some storm sewer to control drainage. Phase 3 will also require the installation of a pedestrian bridge structure to span Little Sackville River. The estimated cost for each phase is \$205,000, \$370,000 and \$570,000, respectively. It should be expected that this cost will increase over time as construction costs rise incrementally each year.

All three phases of this sidewalk were already on our list of proposed sidewalks for the Halifax Regional Municipality and will be referred for consideration as part of HRM's normal Capital Budget process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

New sidewalks and new concrete curb & gutter require the recovery of Local Improvement Charges. The 2005 rate for new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter (one side) has been established at \$22.71 and \$15.12 per lineal foot of frontage respectively. We would note that the residents of Old Beaver Bank Road have not been petitioned to determine their acceptance of this frontage charge. Alternatively, the Local Improvement Charges may be recovered by an area rate over a part or all of the district area. Based on the 2005 rates, the required Local Improvement recovery for all three phases has been estimated at \$218,000. The Local Improvement Charges rates change yearly and it is likely that the rates will be higher when these projects are approved in the Capital Budget.

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.

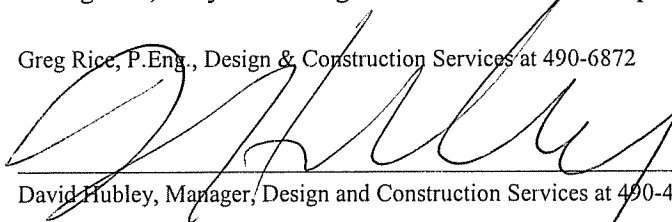
ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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

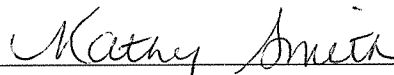
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