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Item No. 8

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

SUBMITTED BY:

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William H. Mosher, Chief Director
Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency

DATE: February 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Keefe Drive - Emergency Concerns Due to Road Condition and Lack of Seawall.

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the February 2, 2010 Regional Council Meeting, Councillor Mosher made a motion regarding Keefe Drive - Emergency Concerns Due to Road Condition and Lack of Seawall requesting staff provide an update to Halifax Regional Council concerning road surface conditions for Keefe Drive, which was damaged during a recent storm surge.

BACKGROUND

After the storm surge, the Keefe Drive road surface was temporarily repaired by HRM. To ensure that the temporary road surface repair was usable by Fire and Emergency for emergency response with fire apparatus, a site inspection was conducted by Fire and Emergency.

DISCUSSION

During the site visit, Fire and Emergency staff noticed that this road is a narrow, winding road that runs for approximately 100' and runs close to the water shoreline. There are a number of large rocks placed along the edge of the road, which appears to be providing some protection to the road from the ocean tides. This site inspection occurred approximately one hour prior to high tide.

Based on our inspection, Fire and Emergency response apparatus are still able to safely use Keefe Drive at this time. As requested by the area Councillor, until a permanent road repair has taken place, Fire and Emergency staff will continue to conduct site visits at least once per week to assess and monitor the situation for emergency response.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

4 Pictures of Keefe Drive

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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