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Item No. 6
Halifax Regional Council
July 6, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management

DATE: June 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Rockcliffe Drive - Paving Petition - Enfield

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of June 8, 2010, Item 10.2.1

BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting held on June 8, 2010, Councillor Streach served a petition from the residents on Rockcliffe Drive requesting that the road be paved. The Councillor requested that the petition be referred to staff for a response. This report is in response to that petition.

DISCUSSION

Rockcliffe Drive is a gravel subdivision “J” class road located in Enfield, which is approximately 900 meters in length and runs from Old Post Road to Civic # 68 Rockcliffe Drive. The ownership and maintenance of this road are the responsibility of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR), and consideration for the paving of this road would fall under the Aid-to-Municipality program.

The Aid-to-Municipality program is an agreement between NSTIR and other Nova Scotian municipalities (including HRM) to upgrade provincially owned and maintained gravel roads to asphalt. With respect to roads located within HRM boundaries (outside the core area), it is the Province’s responsibility under this program to create a construction agreement, and to design, tender and construct the work. HRM’s role is to identify the streets to be paved and to facilitate the Local Improvement Charge process. The program is cost-shared between the Province and the Municipality, each paying 50% of the total construction costs. However, HRM’s portion is recovered in its entirety by levying Local Improvement Charges to the abutting properties on the relevant streets.

HRM staff spoke with the resident who initiated the paving petition on June 24, 2010, and advised this person of the details with respect to the Aid-to-Municipality program, the cost sharing responsibilities between the Province and the residents, and the estimated cost of \$7,223 per lot. The resident advised on June 25, 2010, that they no longer wish to move forward with the paving due to the cost implications to the residents.

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, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENTS

Plan showing a portion of Rockcliffe Drive for proposed paving

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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