

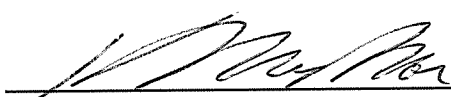
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Halifax Regional Council
July 5, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: June 27, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition for New Sidewalk, Portland Estates Boulevard West - East
Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 24, 2005, Item 9.2.1 - Petition requesting sidewalk on Portland Estates Boulevard West.

BACKGROUND

At the May 24, 2005 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Karsten served a petition from residents requesting the installation of a sidewalk on Portland Estates Boulevard West from Wedgewood Court to Rosehill Drive.

DISCUSSION

Portland Estates Boulevard West is characterized as a collector road in Portland Estates. The section in question (Wedgewood Court to Rosehill Drive) generally runs north/south and is approximately 290 m in length. Similar to the previous phase that ended at Wedgewood Court, the new section of sidewalk should also be installed on the east side of Portland Estates Boulevard West.

The work should be straightforward and would consist of installing concrete sidewalk behind the existing concrete curb. The estimated cost of the project is \$71,000. It should be expected that this cost will increase over time as construction costs rise incrementally each year.

This sidewalk was previously requested and was already on our list of proposed sidewalks for the Halifax Regional Municipality. It will remain on the list and be referred for consideration as part of HRM's normal Capital Budget process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

New sidewalks require the recovery of Local Improvement Charges. The 2005 rate for new sidewalks has been established at \$22.71 per lineal foot of frontage. We would note that the residents of this street 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 has been estimated at \$42,000.

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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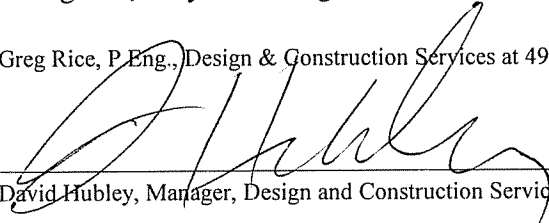
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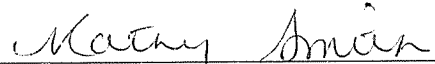
ALTERNATIVES

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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