
Halifax Regional Council
April 16, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Kulvinder Dhillon, Director of Public Works & Transportation

DATE: April 9, 2002

SUBJECT: Replacement of Street Signs

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Agenda item 11.3.1 at the March 19, 2002 Halifax Regional Council meeting requested staff to provide a report on the protocol for the replacement of street signs and traffic signs that are knocked down or damaged.

BACKGROUND

The Public Works & Transportation department of Halifax Regional Municipality provides street name sign and traffic sign maintenance and repair for all HRM owned streets within the Urban Core Boundary, and approximately 52 kilometres of HRM owned streets outside the Urban Core Boundary. All other street name signs and traffic signs beyond these areas are maintained by the provincial Department of Transportation & Public Works.

DISCUSSION

The Streets & Roads section of Public Works & Transportation provides the street and traffic sign maintenance for Halifax Regional Municipality. The normal practice is for damaged or knocked down streets signs to be repaired within approximately 5 working days from when the sign is reported or identified as requiring repairs. Critical traffic signs, i.e., Stop signs, Yield signs, Keep Right, and Do Not Enter signs are responded to and repaired or temporarily replaced immediately upon report. Other traffic signs are responded to within approximately 5 working days. These response rates are achievable due to the fact that Streets & Roads' manufactures all HRM street and traffic signs locally. They can, however, also be negatively impacted by such things as weather conditions and other work priorities. Residents' requests for sign maintenance for HRM owned streets can be made via the Public Works & Transportation's general information line at 490-6203.

The provincial Transportation and Public Works department provides the street and traffic sign maintenance for provincially owned streets in a similar manner. However, as they have to request replacement signs from the central provincial sign shop in Truro, and their requests are scheduled in with all requests from across the province, there is a longer response time. Critical traffic signs are responded to immediately, traffic regulatory and warning signs are responded to within between 7 and 28 days, and small information signs including street signs are responded to within between 28 and 90 days. Requests for sign maintenance for provincial streets can be made via the following Provincial phone number, 424-5328.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for Street and Traffic Sign maintenance is included in the Streets & Roads' 2002/2003 Operating Budget Accounts #R746 and #R747.

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.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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