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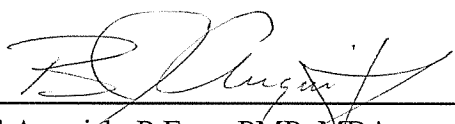


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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: May 21, 2003

SUBJECT: **Flooding, Wanda Lane and Christopher Avenue**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council Meeting of April 22, 2003, Item 9.2.2.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Sarto served a petition from residents of Wanda Lane and Christopher Avenue regarding flooding in the area. The petition requested that HRM take immediate action to rectify the situation. The petition was forwarded to staff for a report.

DISCUSSION

Staff attended a community meeting with residents and Councillor Sarto on April 23, 2003. Many residents gave personal accounts of their experiences with flooding over the years and in particular with respect to the recent rainfall event of March 31, 2003.

Staff are currently preparing a terms of reference for a comprehensive stormwater and wastewater study of the Ellenvale area, which includes Wanda Lane and Christopher Avenue. Staff intend to issue an RFP for this study in June of this year. The study will look at ways of reducing property and basement flooding along Ellenvale Run as well as ownership and maintenance issues.

The study will also include an assessment of inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system in the Ellenvale Run area, and will recommend options for reducing and/or managing these extraneous flows.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding approved for study under 2002/03 Capital Budget, Capital Project #CGU00388.

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

None recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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