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Halifax Regional Council
October 21, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Gerry Boyd, P.Eng., A/Director, Public Works & Transportation

DATE: October 10, 2003

SUBJECT: Petition - Abbey Road, Haliburton Heights

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Petition presented by Councillor Rankin from residents of Abbey Road to Halifax Regional Council on September 9, 2003, item 8.2.1

BACKGROUND

Councillor Rankin served a petition from residents of Abbey Road requesting that all construction type vehicles be banned from travelling Abbey Road in Haliburton Heights until such time as Abbey Road is paved. Further, they requested that appropriate signage be erected at both ends of Abbey Road designating this ban.

The Councillor stated it was his understanding that the Mayor would be meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Public Works and he requested that the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations and the area MLA be informed of when this meeting will take place and be included in the discussions.

DISCUSSION

Attached is a letter dated September 24, 2003 from Legislative Assistant, Sandra Shute to Mr. Paul O'Brien, Department of Transportation and Public Works (DOT) requesting they consider, in discussions with HRM staff, and on the basis of traffic and condition of the road, if there is a case for advancing the paving of Abbey Road sooner than later with the list for District 22.

A letter received from DOT on October 9, 2003, attached, indicates their support for a priority review which will include classification of the street and traffic volumes.

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, 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.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter dated September 24, 2003 to Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works
Letter dated October 6, 2003 to Halifax Regional Municipality

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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September 24, 2003

Mr. Paul O'Brien
Area Manager Suburban
Department of Transportation and Public Works
P.O. Box 44144
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Dear Sir:

Re Abbey Road, Haliburton Heights

The subject of Abbey Road in Haliburton Heights was raised at the Western Region Community Council meeting held on September 22, 2003. Councillor Rankin indicated that Abbey Road was a very much stressed road in Haliburton Heights with considerable traffic and development. The Councillor indicated that he understood that Department of Transportation will look at particularly stressed roads to see if they can make a case to consider advancing the road if it is on the paving list.

The following motion was passed in this regard:

THAT a letter be sent to Department of Transportation requesting that they consider, in discussions with HRM staff, on the basis of traffic and condition of the road, if there is a case for advancing the paving of Abbey Road sooner than later within the list for District 22.

Please be advised of Community Council's action in this matter. Should you require further information, I suggest you contact Councillor Rankin directly at 499-3744.

Yours very truly,

Sandra Shute
Legislative Assistant

c.c. Rick Paynter, Director, Public Works and Transportation

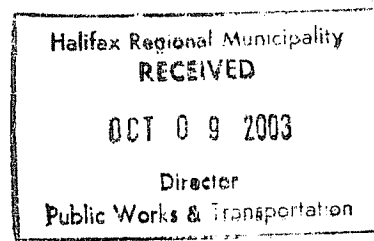
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File #1201.1 (Sub)



October 6, 2003

Ms. Sandra Shute
Legislative Assistant
Halifax Regional Municipality
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Dear Ms. Shute:

Re: Abbey Road, Haliburton Heights

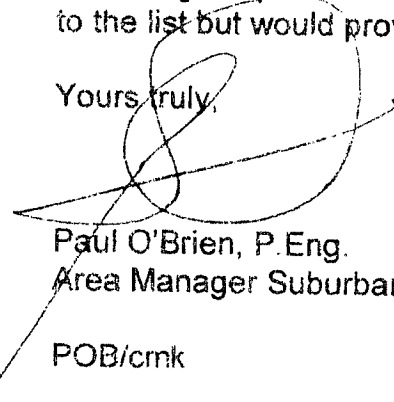
I thank you for raising the issue of priority setting for subdivision street paving.

Over the past years I have received many comments from residents questioning why short cul du sacs are paved and high volume connector streets remain in a gravel state.

Clearly they have a legitimate complaint; however I do respect Halifax Regional Municipality's decision to rank the priority for paving on the date a street has been successfully petitioned. Having stated that, I do support the addition of other criteria to the priority ranking process. I recommend the priority review include classification or function of the street and traffic volumes.

Widening the parameters for determining the priority for paving would result in alteration to the list but would provide benefit to the larger resident base in any subdivision.

Yours truly,



Paul O'Brien, P.Eng.
Area Manager Suburban

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c: Rick Paynter