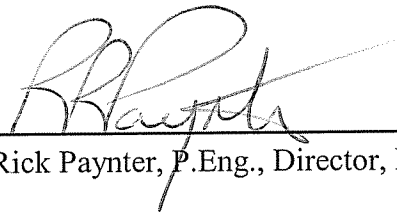




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Halifax Regional Council
December 9, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: December 2, 2003

SUBJECT: **Petition - Idling Buses Joseph Howe Manor**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council received a petition at their November 4, 2003 meeting on behalf of the residents of Joseph Howe Manor requesting that bus operators be requested not to idle their engines at the bus stop adjacent to the Joseph Howe Manor and that Metro Transit install a "Do Not Idle Engine - Fumes Hazard" sign on the bus stop sign.

BACKGROUND

The bus stop immediately adjacent to the Joseph Howe Manor has been a lay-over location of Metro Transit buses beginning trips on the Route 3. Metro Transit has received complaints in the past from the residents of the Manor regarding fumes from idling buses and has advised bus operators in the past to shut down their bus while waiting at this stop.

DISCUSSION

Metro Transit has changed the bus lay-over location to a bus stop prior to the stop in front of Joseph Howe Manor and have instructed the Operators of the new lay-over procedures. Metro Transit supervisors will monitor the situation to ensure the buses are laying-over at the proper location. Joseph Howe Manor residents have been advised of this change.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

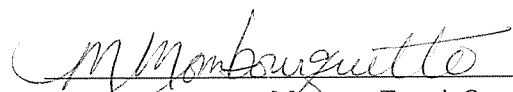
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

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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