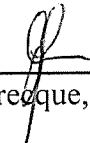




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**TO:** Chair and Members of Chebucto Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works

**DATE:** April 21, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Intersection of Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road - Safety Issues

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Item 10.1.3 raised at the October 6, 2008 meeting of Chebucto Community Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Councillor Mosher advised that she had received an e-mail from staff regarding this issue which she would submit to the Legislative Assistant; noting that she was not satisfied with staff's answer. She indicated that the issue stemmed from the traffic flow at the intersection of Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road during peak times; advising that vehicles on Purcell's Cove Road were not getting a chance to merge and get into the queue which was causing traffic jams, aggressive driving and accidents. She stated that staff had advised that the removal of signal lights had not caused this problem as there had always been a traffic issue at this intersection and that the Chebucto Road project should help to alleviate the back log of traffic.

Councillor Mosher requested that this item be added to the Status Sheet and that a further review of this intersection take place pending the completion of the reversing lanes project on Chebucto Road.

## **DISCUSSION**

Changes to the Armdale Roundabout and the recently completed reversible lane project on Chebucto Road have improved traffic flow in this general area. However, delays are still experienced on both Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road. The removal of the traffic signals had no impact on the cause of these delays, as the signals never did function during the a.m. and p.m. peak hours of the day. That is they operated in flash mode which caused Purcell's Cove Road traffic to merge with traffic on Herring Cove Road under the control of a "Yield" sign. The same condition exists today. The delays at this intersection are simply a result of the shear volume of traffic trying to get to the Armdale Roundabout.

The current alignment of the Purcell's Cove Road at Herring Cove Road intersection is not suited to allow for easy or inexpensive improvements to be done to address the delay and potential vehicle conflict issues. The scope of work necessary is not recommended at this time as it will be both costly and premature, since the Regional Transportation Plan has identified major improvements for this area of the Herring Cove Road. It is scheduled to be widened between its intersection with Purcell's Cove Road and the Armdale Roundabout. This widening will provide an extra travel lane in the inbound direction as well as a complete realignment of the intersection itself.

This project requires land acquisition and, has funding identified in the 2012-13 Capital Budget in the amount of \$1.8 million with an additional amount of \$.4 million in 2013-14.

## **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.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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