

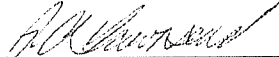
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Chebucto Community Council
August 9, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of Chebucto Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: July 9, 2010

SUBJECT: New Sidewalk Request for Barry Crescent, Herring Cove

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The July 12, 2010 meeting of Chebucto Community Council.

BACKGROUND

At the July 12, 2010 meeting of Chebucto Community Council, a motion was moved by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile, that Chebucto Community Council request a staff report regarding the possibility of having a sidewalk installed on Barry Crescent.

DISCUSSION

A service request was received for new sidewalk installation on Barry Crescent in Herring Cove. Prior to amalgamation, installation of new sidewalks was not the standard in several areas of HRM, including parts of Sackville, Dartmouth and Halifax. Since then, new developments have been installing new sidewalks based on HRM Municipal Service Systems (Red Book) standards.

Areas without sidewalks are rated to determine the potential for pedestrian needs and safety concerns. Sidewalks are selected for the capital program based on this rating system and the opportunity to integrate with other infrastructure components (i.e., paving). The rating system takes into account the potential for pedestrian usage based on proximity to schools, daycares, parks, shopping, and public transit. The classification of the street, presence of an existing sidewalk on the opposite side of the street, shoulder width, safety issues and connections to existing sidewalks are also factors which are used in rating requests for new sidewalks.

There are currently more than 225 locations that are being considered for projects and, based on budget availability, approximately 8 - 10 new locations are constructed each year. Currently, HRM's new sidewalk program applies only to locations within the urban area and on an HRM owned and maintained road. It is typically a cost sharing program, where the municipality covers 50% of the construction costs and residents pay the remaining portion through a local improvement charge.

Barry Drive from Sarah Crescent to Herring Cove Road has been rated for a new sidewalk and, relatively speaking, it rates low. Based on the priority rating system and budget availability, a new sidewalk will not be constructed on Barry Drive for some time. However, it will remain on the list, and be reviewed for consideration as part of HRM's future Project Budget process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

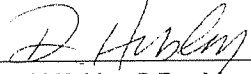
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

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