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Item No. 2

Harbour East Community Council  
May 11, 2009

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Traffic Authority

**DATE:** April 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Stop Sign Request -Argus Drive/South Ridge Circle

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

Item 12.3 raised at the March 5, 2008 meeting of the Harbour East Community Council.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that Community Council request a stop sign on South Ridge Circle where the intersection of Argus and Fury creates a blind spot when drivers make a left hand turn onto Fury.

#### BACKGROUND

Councillor Smith advised that the staff report dated February 5, 2009 from Traffic Services on the need for a stop sign at the intersection of South Ridge Circle and Argus Drive, District 9 did not address the concern. He stated there was no request for an all way stop and the stop sign on Fury Drive has no impact on his request. He noted the problem is with drivers coming down Argus wanting to make a left turn onto Fury as there is a blind spot.

**DISCUSSION**

Restating the intersection characteristics as per the original report, the intersection of Argus/South Ridge/Fury is a low volume T-intersection located in the Lancaster Ridge subdivision. Recent manual traffic counts indicate the total approach volumes for a.m. and p.m. peak periods at 57 and 60 vehicles per hour, respectively. There is an existing stop control on Fury Drive which is typical traffic control for a major/minor street intersection.

The traffic volume on Fury/South Ridge is less than 3,000 vehicles per day. A single collision was reported in the past five years which would not have been prevented by a change in the present traffic control.

Staff met with Councillor Smith on-site to further discuss the issue. It was determined that sight distance was good at the intersection on all approaches and no change to the present stop control was required. Follow-up traffic counts are scheduled and staff will monitor ongoing development for this area.

**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/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

Report Prepared by : Karen MacQuarrie, Traffic Analyst, Traffic & Right of Way Services, 490-4859

**From:** FinTrack (Finance Report Tracking)  
**To:** Dawn Veinot  
**Date:** 16/04/2009 2:33 pm  
**Subject:** FINOK: May 11 HECC - Stop Sign Request - Argus Drive/South Ridge Circle NBI  
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Forwarding Finance approval.

Thanks.

Carolyn

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**From:** Dan Nordqvist  
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Approved

Dan

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The attached report is for your review.

Thanks.

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## Harbour East Community Council Sign-Off Sheet

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Meeting Date: May 11, 2009

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 Community Council                       Board/Committee

Karen MacQuarrie, TPW

April 15, 2009

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Business Unit

√	Stakeholder - Internal	Reviewed By	Date/Time	Time Spent on Report	Initial/Signature
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	CD				
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	Fire				
	HR				
	IAM				
	Legal - By-Laws - Admin Orders - Other				
	Police				
	TPW	<i>[Signature]</i>			
	Library				
	Halifax Water				
	Councillor(s)				
	Regional Youth Advisory Committee (RYAC)				
	<b>Stakeholder - External</b>				

Revised: March 2008