

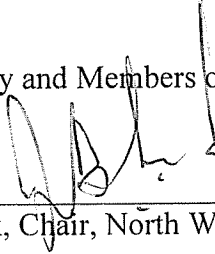


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Item No.
North West Community Council
March 24, 2011

TO: Councillor Harvey and Members of the North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Mr. John Merrick, Chair, North West Transit Advisory Committee

DATE: February 16, 2011

SUBJECT: Request for Over Head Pedestrian Lights at the Walker Connector Road
and Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville

ORIGIN

The February 9, 2011 meeting of the North West Transit Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the North West Community Council request that an (RA-5) Overhead Crosswalk Sign be put in place at the intersection of the Walker Connector Road/Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville.

BACKGROUND

The North West Transit Advisory Committee has expressed safety concerns with the intersection of the Old Sackville Road and the Walker Connector Road area since the construction of the Metro Link Terminal. Due to the popularity of the Metro Link service, there has been a significant increase in both pedestrian and vehicular traffic at this location.

DISCUSSION

At the February 9, 2011 North West Transit Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee discussed the lack of signage indicating the crosswalk at the Old Sackville Road and Walker Connector Road location. The Committee then passed a motion requesting that the North West Community Council have an (RA-5) Overhead Crosswalk Sign, currently in use throughout the HRM, put in place.

See Attachment 1 for more information on the (RA-5) Overhead Crosswalk Signs taken from the HRM Traffic and Transportation website. The estimated range for installation is \$25,000 - \$50,000. This figure will fluctuate and is subject to change depending on installation requirements.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None 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

The North West Transit Advisory Committee is currently comprised of nine (9) citizen representatives from Districts 19, 20, 21 and 23 and one Councillor representing the North West Community Council. The Community Engagement aspect has been met as the nine citizens represent the residents of the North West Community Council areas including the portions of District 2 and 23 recently incorporated into the North West Community Council.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The North West Community Council may choose not to recommend that an overhead pedestrian light be placed at the intersection of the Walker Connector Road and the Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville. This is not the recommended option.

ATTACHMENTS

1. (RA-5) Overhead Crosswalk Signs – HRM Traffic and Transportation Webpage Information

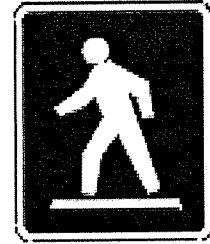
A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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(RA-5) Overhead Crosswalk Signs

What are they?

The basic marked crosswalk installation (which consists of two painted lines across the roadway and four ground-mounted pedestrian crosswalk signs - two signs for each direction of travel) may be supplemented by overhead illuminated pedestrian crosswalk (RA-5) signs. Two RA-5 signs are required for each crosswalk and are positioned over the centre of the approach lane (s) with the pedestrian symbol oriented to the center of the roadway. As well as helping to indicate the location of the crosswalk at night, the illuminated RA-5 sign provides down-lighting over the crosswalk area.



The RA-5 signs may be supplemented by pedestrian actuated flashing amber lights. Each sign has two flashing light units, one facing in each direction, flashing alternately.

Where are they used?

RA-5 overhead illuminated crosswalk signs may be installed at existing marked crosswalk locations when there is a demonstrated need for nighttime illumination of the crosswalk area which is not provided by existing street lights. RA-5 signs may also be considered for use when vehicular approach speeds are high, when visibility of the crosswalk is limited and/or there is a history of pedestrian related accidents. RA-5 signs with pedestrian actuated flashing amber lights are intended for use on multi lane roadways.

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