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North West Community Council
May 5, 2011

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Director of Transportation and Public Works

DATE: April 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Request for Street Lighting - Hammonds Plains Road

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The October 13, 2010, North West Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the October 13, 2010 meeting of North West Transit Advisory Committee, it was requested that North West Community Council approach HRM Department of Transportation and Public works to consider the following;

1. Install streetlights along the Hammonds Plains Road near Metro Transit bus stops located in the areas of Yankeetown Road, Pine Tree Road and Northwood Road due to safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists.
2. Alter the Route 33 so that it would commence at the Hubley Centre, turn into Flat Lake Drive, onto Windsor to Nottingham back to the Hammonds Plains Road, right turn onto Rockcliffe and along Pine Tree Road to Hammonds Plains Road at Northwood then onto Yankeetown West and exit at Yankeetown East then continue along its present route.

DISCUSSION

For detailed information regarding item 1 of background, the request for street lighting along Hammonds Plains Road, the reader should refer to the report prepared by HRM Traffic and Right of Way staff, titled Hammonds Plain Road Street Lighting, submitted to the North West Community Council on April 28, 2011.

Metro Transit has reviewed the existing bus stop locations at Yankeetown Road, Northwood Road, and Rockcliffe Crescent. It was found that both inbound and outbound stop locations at Yankeetown Road are within acceptable proximity to several street lighting utility poles. It has been determined that both inbound and outbound bus stops at Northwood Road, and Rockcliffe Crescent can be safely relocated approximately 50 meters towards existing street lighting utility poles. The relocation work has been successfully completed on March 30, 2011.

Metro Transit has reviewed the suggestion to re-route the 33 Tantallon Express as requested in item 2 of the background. It's been determined it would be operationally difficult to make the left turns on to Hammonds Plains Road from the requested side streets due to traffic characteristics in the area and the relatively slow acceleration of transit buses. The proposed routing suggestion may also result in a negative impact to schedule adherence due the delays associated with the left turns required. At this time Metro Transit will not implement the routing adjustment as suggested.

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, 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

Community Engagement was not required as this is only providing North West Community Council with information.

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments.

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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