

North West Community Council
February 23, 2012

TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council



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

DATE: February 16, 2012

SUBJECT: **Lighting Request – Hammonds Plains Road**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 15 raised at the November 24, 2011 meeting of North West Community Council.

BACKGROUND

Moved by Councillor Lund seconded by Councillor Outhit that North West Community Council request HRM Traffic Authority to install street lights on existing poles along the Hammonds Plains Road from Pockwock Road to Bedford as it is a major travel route. Motion put and passed.

DISCUSSION

A street light inventory conducted on January 16, 2012 by Traffic and Right of Way staff, found that there were existing street lights on every second utility pole from Kearney Lake Road to Yankeetown Road East. There were some notable exceptions such as extra lights at some intersections and driveways, or in some cases two poles in a row without a light if the pole spacing was reduced, or if the pole types were not compatible for a street light.

HRM's current street light standard is one light on every second pole on a roadway with the characteristics of this section of Hammonds Plains Road. In previous requests, residents noted that there are street lights on every pole on Kearney Lake Road, Lucasville Road, and some other roadways with similar characteristics to Hammonds Plains Road. The extra lights on these roadways were installed prior to amalgamation and HRM's current standards.

The Province of Nova Scotia has recently mandated that all street lights will be changed to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lights in the next five to ten years. As the HRM changes its street lights to LEDs a review of light levels will be made on each type of roadway to ensure that acceptable lighting levels are met.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

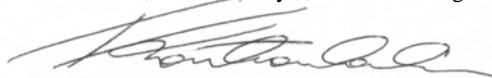
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was not deemed to be necessary in this process because decisions were based on operational procedures.

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