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North West Community Council
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TO: Chair and Members of North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Ken Reashor, P.Eng., A/Director, Transportation and Public Works

DATE: June 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Pockwock Road Speed Limits

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 9.2.1 raised at the April 22, 2010 meeting of North West Community Council.

A petition was submitted with 46 signatures requesting that North West Community Council implement the following speed limits for the following portions of Pockwock Road:

- from the Water Reserve to Micmac Drive be reduced to 60 km/h
- from Micmac Drive to Hammonds Plains Road be reduced to 50 km/h (school zone area).

Further correspondence was received from various residents and Neighbourhood Associations within District 23 requesting that the street lighting be improved along the Hammonds Plains Road, from Pockwock Road to Yankeetown West and at the intersection of Pockwock Road and White Hills Run.

BACKGROUND

Pockwock Road is currently posted as a 70 km/h zone from Hammonds Plains Road to the Water Reserve. It carries 6800 vehicles per day between Hammonds Plains Road and White Hills Run. It carries 1000 vehicles per day beyond White Hills Run.

DISCUSSION

As a result of this petition, the following were addressed:

Lighting

It was concluded that the lighting which exists on Hammonds Plains Road meets our current standards of one light on every second pole. No further changes have been recommended. With regards to the light levels at the intersection of Pockwock Road and White Hills Run, an additional light has been added to an existing pole at this location.

Speed Limits

Speed data was collected at two locations on Pockwock Road. This data was used in conjunction with the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guideline. Numerous engineering studies have shown that 85% of all drivers will drive at a prudent and reasonable speed. This is known as the 85th percentile, and this number is used to aid in determining appropriate speed limits for road ways. Data was collected between Hammonds Plains Road and White Hills Run and just past White Hills Run. Information derived from the TAC guideline, combined with this data suggests that the section of Pockwock Road between Hammonds Plains Road and White Hills Run be reduced to 60 km/h and the rest of Pockwock Road remain posted at 70 km/h. As of the writing of this report, staff had begun the procedure to make this change.

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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

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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