

**Transportation Standing Committee  
September 27, 2012**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:**



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Peter Stickings, Acting Director, Planning & Infrastructure

**DATE:** September 17, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Caldwell Road Traffic Assessment

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Referral to the Transportation Standing Committee by Regional Council at its meeting of April 24, 2012.

**BACKGROUND**

The Regional Council motion requested a full traffic assessment for Caldwell Road, given the pressures of development. The non-availability of adequate traffic capacity on Caldwell Road and Portland Street has been cited for many years as a reason to limit growth in the contributing areas. Plans had been developed to extend Mount Hope Avenue from Highway 111 to Caldwell Road as a means of addressing growth, but recent positions taken by the Department of National Defense regarding the developability of the Shearwater Base lands have brought the feasibility of this connection into question.

**DISCUSSION**

A traffic assessment of a study area this large requires significant data collection and analysis. Much of that has now been completed by HRM staff and a full report will be submitted to the Transportation Standing Committee at its October meeting.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications 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**

This assessment is a technical analysis and has not involved community engagement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Environmental implications, if any, will be identified in the final report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments.

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