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Harbour East Community Council
May 6, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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

DATE: April 1, 2010

SUBJECT: **Parking on Residential Streets Close to the Nova Scotia Community College**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 12.2 raised at the February 4, 2010 meeting of Harbour East Community Council.

MOVED BY Councillor Barkhouse, seconded by Councillor Karsten that Harbour East Community Council request additional information to include solutions to alleviate the parking problems on residential streets close to the Nova Scotia Community College, and further, for staff to initiate a meeting with the stakeholders including the Traffic Authority and the Nova Scotia Community College to work toward a resolution.

BACKGROUND

To summarize the February 4, 2010, information report, due to the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) Waterfront campus 'green' status, there is no mandate for the school to provide parking for all staff/students and alternative transportation is encouraged. The parking that is currently provided on-site is at capacity and as a result students are finding parking opportunities on neighbouring residential streets. Residents are not in favour of this all-day parking adjacent to their properties.

To date, staff has reviewed each of the resident's complaints on a case by case basis and where necessary, parking restrictions have been installed. Complaints from residents have continued and they are concerned that with the new expansion opening in September 2010 the increase in enrollment will mean more on-street parking.

DISCUSSION

A meeting was held on March 25, 2010 with Councillor Barkhouse and NSCC staff to address the issue and discuss possible solutions. HRM's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Planner, Roxane MacInnis was in attendance to give an overview of various TDM commuting alternatives with NSCC staff. Of particular interest to NSCC was Smart Trip, a free online service supported by HRM which provides a ride matching program commuters can utilize. NSCC staff is interested in exploring this option and further discussions with HRM will be scheduled to discuss ways to educate students in the various programs, such as the inclusion of information in the orientation package at the beginning of the school year, presentations to students and/or website links.

Also discussed was the transit service for the area which Metro Transit has been monitoring. Any improvements to the existing service would be subject to budget constraints.

NSCC staff has indicated there are future plans to hold a community open house on the Waterfront Campus which residents can attend. There is a willingness on their part to strive toward a good relationship with the Woodside community.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

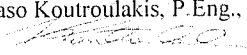
There are no budget implications.

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.

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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