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TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE:

December 6, 2005

SUBJECT:

Woodside Ferry Terminal

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

August 2, 2005 Halifax Regional Council Meeting, item 12.5

BACKGROUND

At the August 2, 2005 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Kent raised concerns with the condition of the Woodside Ferry Terminal. Staff met on site with Councillor Kent and Mayor Kelly to review the condition of: the parking lot; pedestrian areas and pedways; and, the terminal building. Several deficiencies were identified during this site inspection.

DISCUSSION

The issues identified during the site visit were broken into two general themes: deficiencies in public information (signage, etc.), and action required to address the aesthetics and physical condition of the infrastructure. Metro Transit will address the information issues and Real Property and Asset Management will address the issues with the infrastructure. Any immediate action taken would be subject to funding availability within existing budgets. Items that could not be included in the existing budget were to be addressed through the budgeting process with more action being done as funds were approved.

The work that has been/will be done during the existing budget year included:

- A new sign to identify the Ferry and Terminal located on the property adjacent the Atlantic Street Pleasant Street Intersection. Ordered and scheduled to be delivered mid December.
- Completed outdoor maintenance including: tree stump removal; trimming of pine trees; cutting grass to tree line and, garbage cans placed on property.
- Developed flower beds developed six new flower beds; two were planted with spring bulbs, and four were prepared for perennials that will be planted in the spring.
- Completed interior cleaning all glass entrances and windows were cleaned. Washroom floors were machine cleaned. All high dusting was done, as well as all ventilation units and diffusers.
- Replaced siding on exterior downstairs exit on harbour side
- Repaired and/or replaced lights inside throughout 1st and 2nd floor
- Installed door stops on all doors (except emergency exits)
- Repaired gate and replaced fencing on side of property
- Replaced main entrance glass in skylight
- Repaired and painted fascia, and repaired & painted stucco in front entrance
- Tested fire extinguishers

Additional items to be considered as part of the 2006/07 Budget process include:

- Information signage to provide an enhanced and common theme for all directional and customer information material.
- Ongoing replacing /repairing of floor tiles
- Interior painting done throughout terminal
- Replacement of sidewalk
- Lunch counters to be closed off properly

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

To be determined through the annual Budgeting and Business Planning processes.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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