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Harbour East Community Council
September 8, 2005

TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: August 29, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition - Councillor McCluskey - Crosswalk on Portland Street at Canal Street**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Harbour East Community Council Meeting - August 4, 2005.

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of North West Community Council held on August 4, 2005, Councillor McCluskey presented a petition requesting reinstatement of a painted crosswalk across Portland Street at Canal Street.

DISCUSSION

The requested marked crosswalk located on the east leg of the Portland Street - Canal Street intersection was authorized for removal in 2002 because of continual complaints of drivers failing to yield to pedestrians within the crosswalk, as well as drivers stopping on the crosswalk while queuing for the signals at Portland/Alderney/Prince Albert. Even when drivers did not stop directly on the crosswalk, pedestrians crossing from the northeast corner by the church to the southeast corner often had to walk out between two lanes of traffic to encounter a lane of traffic having just turned right from Alderney Drive and accelerating to road speed. It was decided not to encourage pedestrian crossings at this uncontrolled intersection because the crosswalk was so close to the signals.

Although pedestrian crossings at this location are no longer encouraged, neither are they prohibited. Pedestrians wishing to take the most direct route to/from St. James Church and the parking lot across the street can still legally do so. On Sundays when the traffic volume is lower there are sufficient gaps in traffic for crossings without delay. Pedestrians not comfortable crossing at an unmarked intersection have the option of crossing with pedestrian walk signals less than 50 metres way.

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, 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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ATTACHMENTS

None.

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