



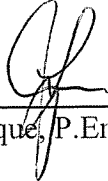
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Report #2

Harbour East Community Council  
March 6, 2008

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Harbour East Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works

**DATE:** February 5, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Petition - St. George's Lane, Dartmouth

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

Item 9.2 raised at the September 6, 2007, meeting of Harbour East Community Council.

#### BACKGROUND

At the September 6, 2007, meeting of Harbour East Community Council Councillor McCluskey presented a petition signed by residents and users of St. George's Lane, in support of:

1. St. George's Lane permanently becoming one-way westbound from Portland Street to Pleasant Street;
2. the installation of speed bumps.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Traffic Restrictions on Local Residential Streets**

In 2002, Council passed a motion that no street closures or intersection turning movement prohibitions be implemented outside the Neighbourhood Short-Cutting Policy except in the following circumstances:

- (i) where a specific intersection safety hazard has been demonstrated;
- (ii) where street operation would be improved;
- (iii) where impacts from new roadway projects or developments are being mitigated.

Since none of the above applies, we therefore cannot recommend St. George's Lane be made one-way southbound from Portland Street to Pleasant Street.

### **Speed Bumps**

Speed "bumps" are not installed on Halifax Regional Municipality roadways. Speed "humps" may be considered for installation under the HRM Neighbourhood Short-Cutting Policy to reduce motor vehicle speeds and volumes on a street with significant short-cutting traffic. Local residential streets carrying at least 3000 vehicles per day (vpd) may qualify under this policy.

St. George's Lane is a 6m wide, 180m long street intersecting to the north at Portland Street and Pleasant Street to the south. There are eleven abutting properties, one of which is a tennis club. Parking is restricted on portions of both sides. Residents and club patrons are concerned that the amount of traffic and speeds on the street are becoming a safety hazard.

It is recognized that a portion of the traffic volume could be attributed to motorists travelling through between Portland Street and Pleasant Street, however, the traffic volumes on St. George's Lane are much less than required to be considered under the HRM Neighbourhood Short-Cutting Policy. Speed humps would therefore not be recommended or approved.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

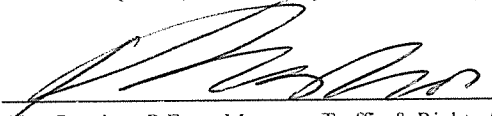
There are no budget implications.

## **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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