



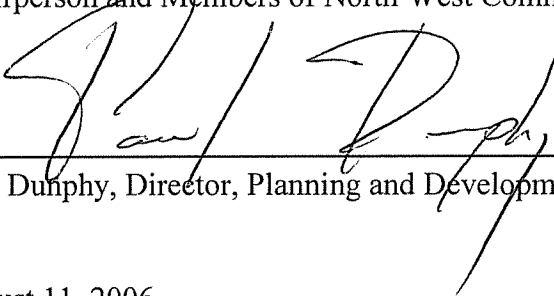
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**North West Community Council
September 28, 2006**

TO: Chairperson and Members of North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: August 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Pedestrians Crossing Highway 101

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

North West Community Council meeting - March 23, 2006.

BACKGROUND

Community Council received a report from the North West Transit Advisory Committee outlining concerns regarding pedestrians crossing Highway 101 to access the new transit terminal. Council passed a motion to forward a letter to the Province outlining those concerns.

On May 15, 2006 the Province provided a response indicating that the issue was within the jurisdiction of HRM. On May 29, 2006 the letter was forwarded to staff with a memo requesting that staff give consideration to the matter.

DISCUSSION

The position taken by the Province that pedestrians crossing 100-series highways at-grade is the responsibility of the Municipality is consistent with the position they have taken in the past when such situations arise. The issue of managing pedestrian traffic at interchanges and between interchanges will be brought before the Strategic Joint Regional Transportation Planning Committee at a future meeting for discussion.

A similar situation exists on Highway 111 with pedestrians crossing the highway at-grade between the Burnside Drive and Victoria Road overpasses. Funding for a pedestrian overpass was approved in the 2006-07 capital budget. Staff will evaluate the Highway 101 situation and develop possible solutions. If capital funding is required to implement the preferred solution, it will be considered in future budget preparations.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate 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.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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