

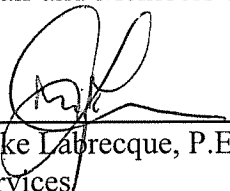
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Western Region Community Council  
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**TO:** Chair and Members of Western Regional Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
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**DATE:** January 25, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Sarah Ingraham Drive - Broad Falls Subdivision - Williamswood

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

#### BACKGROUND

Sarah Ingraham Drive, Steven Murphy Drive, Lee Murphy Drive and Charles Mills Drive are gravel roads located in Broad Falls subdivision. These streets are owned and maintained by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSTPW). Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) petitioned the residents for paving under the Aid to Municipality Program in 2000 & 2002; however, both petitions failed. On April 26, 2002, Councillor Adams waived the right to petition and as a result these streets were added to the list for paving under the Aid to Municipality program.

## **DISCUSSION**

On November 14, 2006, Halifax Regional Council approved a new gravel road paving prioritization system based on geographic area, maintenance levels and road classification. Under the new system, points were assigned to road classification and maintenance levels as follows: 50 points each for a high volume street (feeder) and high level maintenance requirements, 40 points each for a medium volume street (local) and medium level maintenance, and 30 points each for a low volume street (cul-de-sac) and low level maintenance. The new procedure also requires a review of the proximity of streets requiring paving and are grouped as such under the geographic area criteria.

An analysis was conducted using the above noted criteria and it was concluded that all gravel roads within the Broad Falls subdivision including Francie Drive, Charles Meade Drive and Gordon Stewart Drive would be grouped under the same geographic area. Based on the rating criteria and future funding allocations from NSTPW it is anticipated that paving of these streets may occur in 2010. It is noted that the roads that have been currently rated and prioritized are those that have been successfully surveyed (or in some cases the Councillor may have waived the right to survey). The remaining streets and roads, that have yet to be surveyed, will be prioritized under this new method if interest exists for paving under the program. This may impact on the anticipated timing of some paving projects.

Issues regarding maintenance of these streets fall under the jurisdiction of NSTPW, and therefore requests for service should be addressed to the relevant provincial service department. Currently it is our understanding the Williamwoods area is serviced by the Beechville department.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications at this time.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

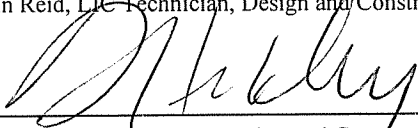
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives.

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