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

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: April 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Paving of Jericho Road- Hubley

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Western Region Community Council meeting of March 27, 2006, item 12.6 paving of Jericho Road.

BACKGROUND

At the March 27, 2006 Western Region Community Council meeting, Councillor Rankin requested staff to respond regarding whether the gravel road, Jericho Road, from Big Hubley Lake Drive to Granite Cove Drive, will be paved.

DISCUSSION

Jericho Road is a gravel subdivision road located in the community of Hubley, Nova Scotia. The road is approximately 549 metres in length and runs from Big Hubley Lake Dr. to Granite Cove Rd. The first 151 metres from Big Hubley Lake Dr. to Glory Ave. is owned by NSTPW, and the remaining 398 metres is owned by HRM.

The paving of gravel roads outside the core area is initiated through the Province's Aid to Municipalities cost sharing program. There are currently 50 roads that have been successfully surveyed to be paved under this program. Based on the Province's financing availability, approximately 3-6 streets are paved each year. The paving of the section of Jericho Rd. that is owned by HRM would be funded (subject to Council approval) through the HRM's paving of gravel subdivision roads capital program.

Prior to Jericho Rd. being considered for either paving program, the property owners are surveyed to ascertain if there is sufficient support to pave this road. Paving of gravel roads is subjected to Local Improvement Charges (LIC) as stated in By-Law Number S-400. The NSTPW section is cost shared equally between NSTPW and HRM. HRM recovers 50% through an LIC charge to the abutting property owners. This LIC rate is calculated on half of the actual tender cost divided by the recoverable frontage. The paving of the HRM section is subject to LIC charges, as approved by Council. As the rate is determined on an annual basis, the charge is subject to change.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

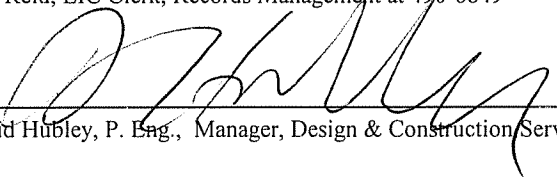
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