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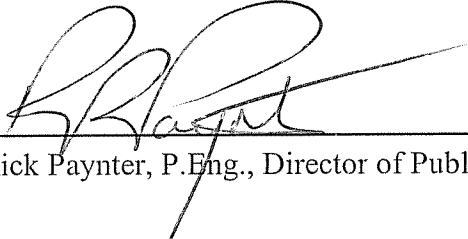


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Halifax Regional Council
January 13, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Rick Paynter, P.Eng., Director of Public Works & Transportation

DATE: December 31, 2003

SUBJECT: Petition - Salting and Sanding of Mountbatten Avenue and Andover Street

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

December 2, 2003, Halifax Regional Council, item 9.2.1.

BACKGROUND

At the December 2, 2003 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Warshick presented a petition from Michael Wallace Home & School Association, asking that two streets leading to the school, namely, Mountbatten Avenue and Andover Street, be placed on the priority 1 routing for winter snow and ice operations.

DISCUSSION

Both Mountbatten Ave. and Andover Street are currently on HRM's priority 1 salting/plowing route, given the streets grade and proximity to the school. This information has been conveyed to Councillor Warshick, as well as a letter has been sent to the Michael Wallace Home and School Association.

Priority 1 street routes are designed for a three hour return frequency during plowing/salting operations. As such, certain streets, especially those with lower traffic volumes than nearby arterials may be perceived as receiving a lower level of service during active periods of the storm. This information has been conveyed to the Michael Wallace Home and School Association, and the area snow supervisor has been alerted to the concerns.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

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

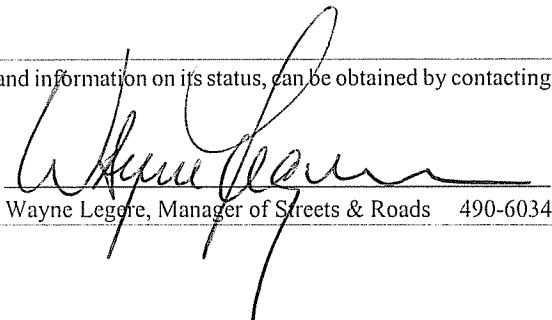
There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Petition submitted by Councillor Warshick

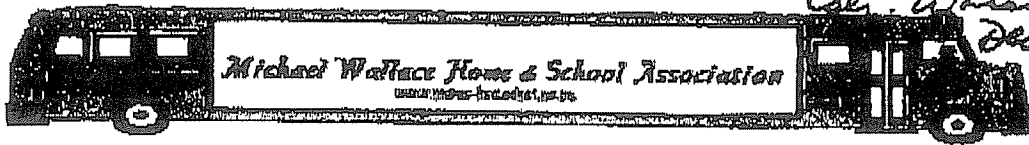
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Report Prepared by:



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*Submitted by
Ch. Colaiacovo
Dec. 2/03*



Michael Wallace School
24 Andover Street
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November 18, 2003

Brian Warshick
Councillor for District 6
5 Casavechia Court
Dartmouth, NS B2X 3G7

Dear Councilor Warshick,

The members of our Home & School Association (Approximately 270 families) are writing this letter in hopes that you can help us with a safety issue at Michael Wallace School.

We are requesting that two streets leading directly to our school, which are both hills, be put on a priority list for salting/sanding and clearing during the winter months. These streets are: Mountbatten Avenue and Andover Street.

Last year was a particularly bad winter and there were many days when both the school busses and cars had a lot of difficulty in going up and down these hills to the school. You can appreciate why we are concerned; a large school bus slipping backwards down a hill is not a sight we want to see, but it has happened. There were also many times we watched cars slide down the hill with no control and though we have one of the most capable and aware crossing guards around; she cannot stop a sliding car in the snow from hitting a child.

In our area, there are some steep hills (Montebello Drive & Breeze Drive) that seem to receive priority care in the winter and we feel that our request would not be hard to act upon. When the trucks are out looking after these other hills, they could easily turn up Mountbatten and then Andover.

We are not asking this out of concern for our vehicles but for the concern and safety of the 370 students that attend Michael Wallace each day.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Colaiacovo".

Kathy Colaiacovo
President
Michael Wallace Home & School Association

Cc: Michael Wallace School