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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: December 16, 2004

SUBJECT: Petition Request for Marked Crosswalk - Cow Bay Road at Island View Seniors Facility

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of Dec. 7, 2004, item 9.2.3. (Please note a variance in title "Crosswalk Installation - Island View Seniors Facility").

BACKGROUND

Councillor Kent submitted a petition on behalf of residents of the Island View Seniors facility, 36 Cow Bay Road, Eastern Passage, supporting the installation of a crosswalk from the driveway of the facility to the bus stop on the other side of the road.

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DISCUSSION

Because of the numerous requests for the marking of crosswalks, it has been necessary to establish criteria which provide an objective basis for evaluation as to where marked crosswalks are installed on HRM roadways. Given that it is not practical to mark crosswalks at every intersection and bus stop, most jurisdictions use some form of evaluation criteria to determine which crosswalks will be marked and which will not.

The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guidelines for marked crosswalk installation have recently been adopted for use in HRM. The TAC guidelines require that the volume of traffic results in fewer than 120 crossing opportunities per hour and there be a minimum of 20 pedestrians per hour crossing.

During a one hour pedestrian count conducted on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., only 2 pedestrians were observed crossing Cow Bay Road in the area of the bus stop. Only one pedestrian was observed crossing from 8-9 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2004. Although the minimum traffic volume warrant on Cow Bay Road is met, the minimum pedestrian crossing criterion is not met and therefore a marked crosswalk would not be approved.

Metro Transit bus load counts from 2003 indicate that only 23 people got on or off at the bus stop opposite civic #36 on a daily basis. There have been no reported pedestrian related collisions at this location over the past five years for which records are available.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

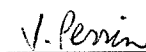
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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