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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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Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works Services

DATE: July 22, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition for New Sidewalk, Shore Road - East Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 24, 2005, Item 9.2.3 - Petition requesting the installation of sidewalk on a section of Shore Road.

BACKGROUND

At the June 28, 2005 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Kent served a petition from residents requesting the installation of a sidewalk on Shore Road from Shoreview Road to Sandpiper Road.

DISCUSSION

Shore Road is characterized as a collector road in Eastern Passage. The section in question (Shoreview Drive to Sandpiper Drive) generally runs east/west and is approximately 1.8 km in length. Similar to the previous phases of sidewalk that have been constructed on Shore Road, the new section should also be installed on the north side. Due to limited annual funding for new sidewalks and the magnitude of this project, it has been divided into three separate, comparably sized phases. Phase 1 is from Shoreview to Romkey; phase 2, from Romkey to Caldwell; and phase 3, from Caldwell to Sandpiper.

The work would consist of installing concrete curb & gutter and concrete sidewalk. To control drainage, some storm sewer is also be required. The estimated cost for each phase is \$524,000, \$431,000 and \$500,000 respectively. It should be expected that this cost will increase over time as construction costs rise incrementally each year.

Phase 1 of this sidewalk (Shoreview to Romkey) was previously requested and was already on our list of proposed sidewalks for the Halifax Regional Municipality. Phases 2 and 3 have been added to the list and all three will be referred for consideration as part of HRM's normal Capital Budget process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

New sidewalks and new concrete curb & gutter require the recovery of Local Improvement Charges. The 2005 rate for new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter (one side) has been established at \$22.71 and \$15.12 per lineal foot of frontage respectively. We would note that the residents of Shore Road have not been petitioned to determine their acceptance of this frontage charge. Alternatively, the Local Improvement Charges may be recovered by an area rate over a part or all of the district area. Based on the 2005 rates, the required Local Improvement recovery for all three phases has been estimated at \$358,680.

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.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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