

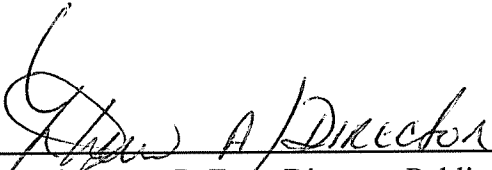


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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 2, 2005**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Mike Labrecque, P. Eng., Director, Public Works & Transportation

**DATE:** July 22, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Traffic Island - Erondale Drive

## **INFORMATION REPORT**

### **ORIGIN**

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 3, 2005 item 8.2.1.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the Regional Council meeting of May 3, 2005, Councillor Harvey served a petition from residents of Erondale Drive requesting that a traffic island, in some form, be maintained on their street.

This report is in response to the petition.

**DISCUSSION**

Erondale Drive is a cul-de-sac approximately 125 meters in length located off Zinck Avenue in the Central Region. HRM Tender No. 05-213 is a paving renewal project which was approved by the Chief Administrative Officer on April 12, 2005 and is currently under construction. This project involves the removal and reinstatement of the asphalt roadway and curb and gutter. The existing traffic island currently in the middle of the cul-de-sac will be removed with the utility pole and hydrant being relocated adjacent the new curb and gutter.

Design & Construction Services and Public Works Operations recommend that during street upgrading, if the possibility of having a traffic island removed exists, then the island shall be removed to eliminate higher construction costs and enable efficient snow clearing operations. The area residents are requesting to keep the island contrary to Design & Construction Services and Public Works Operations recommendation to have it removed.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Keeping the island will incur higher construction costs as well as higher snow clearing costs as specialized equipment will have to be dispatched.

**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.

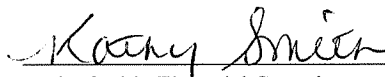
**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives.

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