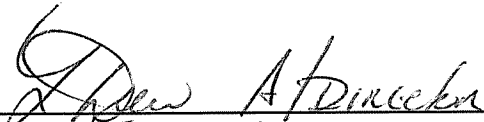




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Halifax Regional Council
August 2, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: July 19, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition for Street Upgrades, Sullivans Hill - Central Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of July 5, 2005, Item 9.2.1 - Petition from Deputy Mayor Goucher requesting the upgrades of Sullivans Hill, Central Region.

BACKGROUND

At the July 5, 2005 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Deputy Mayor Goucher served a petition from members and adherents of the Bedford United Church requesting upgrades to Sullivans Hill, including curbing, storm sewers, paving and sidewalk.

DISCUSSION

Sullivans Hill is a local street which runs from the Bedford Highway to High Street. This street generally runs east/west and is approximately 180 m in length. The Bedford United Church is located at the north-east corner of the Bedford Highway/Sullivans Hill intersection.

Sullivans Hill is an asphalt paved street and is included in our Pavement Condition Management System (PCMS). The Surface Distress Index (SDI) is 0.08. This rating is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction, and possible removal/replacement of existing gravels. The installation of sidewalk would consist of installing new sidewalk, curb and gutter and some storm drainage works. Under the current policy the cost of new sidewalk, and curb and gutter is subject to local improvement charges.

Staff have rated both the asphalt condition and installation of a new sidewalk, and will include Sullivans Hill for future capital consideration as part of HRM's normal Capital Budget process. In the interim, staff of Public Works Operations will be requested to review the street for general maintenance.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

New sidewalks and curb and gutter typically require the recovery of Local Improvement Charges. The 2005 rate for new sidewalks has been established at \$22.71 per lineal foot of frontage, and the 2005 rate for new concrete curb and gutter on one side of the street has been established at \$15.12 per lineal foot of frontage. Staff notes that the residents of this street 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 and the recoverable frontage, the required Local Improvement recovery has been estimated at \$35,500.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

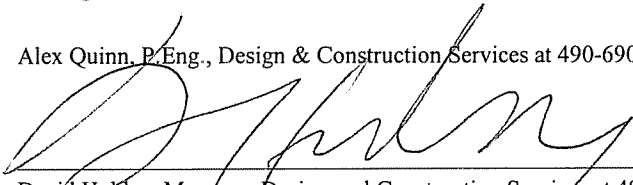
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

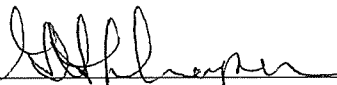
ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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