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

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DATE: October 24, 2006

SUBJECT: Cost Shared Paving of O'Connell Drive - East Region

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

BACKGROUND

The Provincially owned portion of O'Connell Drive is a local gravel road in Porters Lake and is approximately 500 m in length from Trunk 7 to the school entrance. Each year HRM submits a prioritized list of gravel streets outside the core area to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSDOT&PW) for cost sharing for paving under the Aid-to-Municipalities Program. O'Connell Drive was not included on this list, however, the paving of O'Connell Drive was included in a recent Provincial tender. The paving of O'Connell Drive is currently under construction.

The HRM owned portion of O'Connell Drive is a local gravel road in Porters Lake and is approximately 600 m in length from the school entrance to the end. Councillor Hendsbee has requested the Province extend the current construction activities and pave the entire length of O'Connell Drive.

DISCUSSION

NSDOT&PW has included the paving of O'Connell Drive from Trunk 7 to the school entrance in a recent Provincial tender for the repaving of Truck 7. This portion of O'Connell Drive receives a high volume of traffic and requires regular maintenance. Councillor Hendsbee has requested the Province also pave the HRM owned portion of O'Connell Drive from the school entrance to the end.

The installation of new paving is subject to Local Improvement charges (LIC). The property owners have not been surveyed for paving and Councillor Hendsbee has requested that the right to petition be waived. Councillor Hendsbee has also requested that HRM enter into a cost sharing agreement with the Province whereby the Province agrees to pay half the total cost to pave the entire length of O'Connell Drive and the remaining half be recovered through the HRM LIC process for paving.

If Council wishes to proceed, the following wording is suggested as a motion:

It is recommended that Council:

1. extend the limits of paving on O'Connell Drive to include the HRM owned portion from the school entrance to the end;
2. include the paving of O'Connell Drive (Trunk 7 to the end) in the proposed 2007/08 Aid-to-Municipalities Program;
3. waive the right to petition;
4. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new paving of O'Connell Drive by levy of frontage charges.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

If a construction agreement is approved with the Province, there will be no net cost to HRM because the cost will be recovered from the Province and through the HRM Local Improvement Charges process for paving.

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

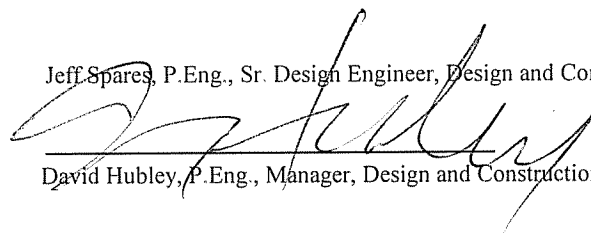
There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Map of O'Connell Drive, Porters Lake.

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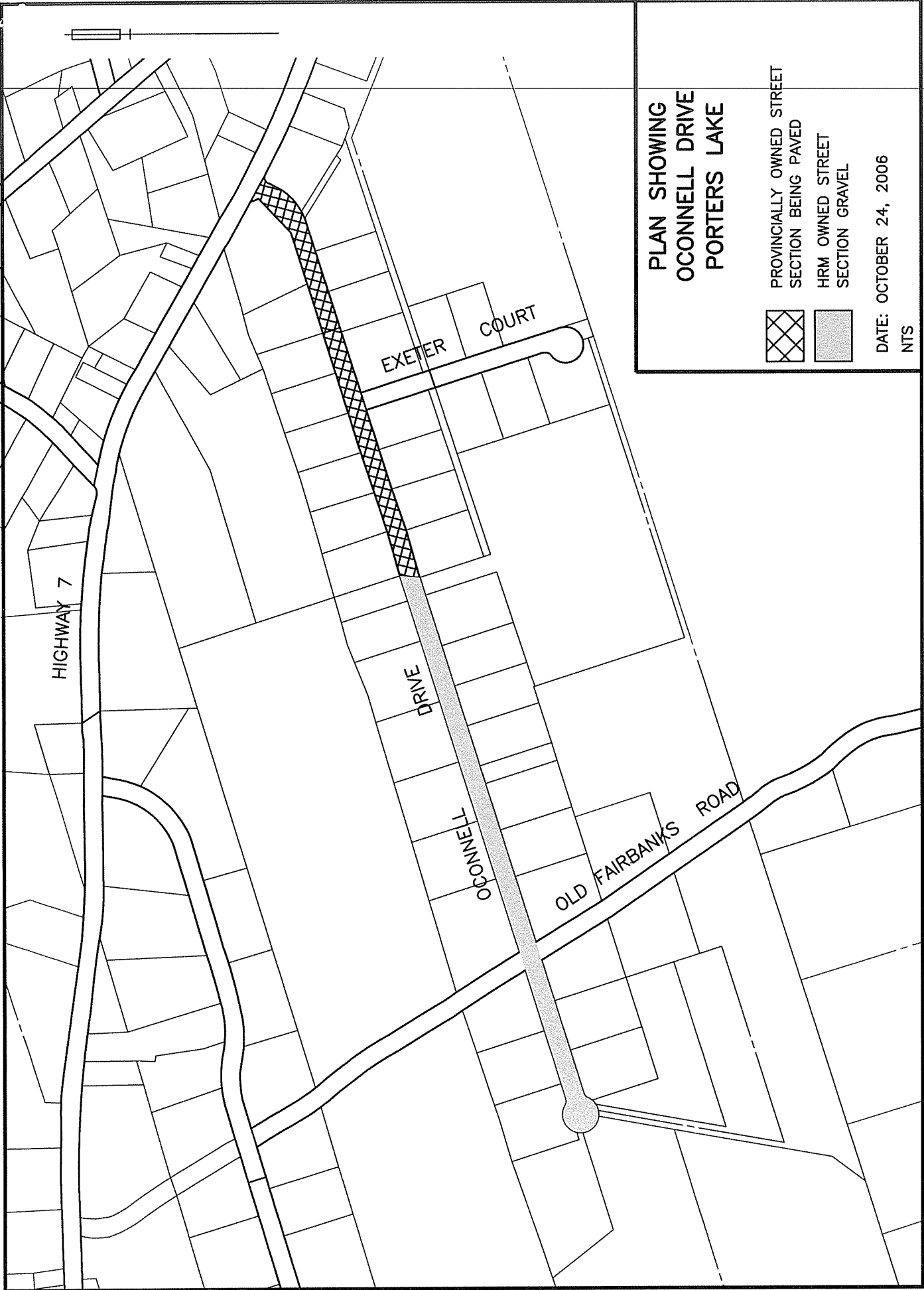
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**PLAN SHOWING
O'CONNELL DRIVE
PORTERS LAKE**

-  PROVINCIALLY OWNED STREET
SECTION BEING PAVED
-  HRM OWNED STREET
SECTION GRAVEL

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