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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

DATE: November 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Gravel Road Paving Prioritization

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

BACKGROUND

At the November 14, 2006 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff presented a report to Regional Council outlining different options to prioritize the paving of gravel roads. The recommended option, which was subsequently approved by Council, prioritized the roads based on geographic area, maintenance levels and road classification.

It is noted that HRM owns and maintains approximately 174 roads that would ultimately be upgraded through the Paving of Gravel Roads inside the Core Area. Of this amount, 44 roads have been successfully surveyed, or in some cases, the Councillor may have waived the right to survey. Clarification is required as to which roads are to be prioritized under the approved option.

DISCUSSION

During the presentation, staff outlined 5 options for consideration for the prioritization of paving of gravel roads. The option that included geographic area, maintenance levels and road classification was the recommended method, and ultimately approved by Regional Council. During the presentation there may have been a misunderstanding as to which roads would be considered under the approved option. Although there are 174 gravel roads that are owned and maintained by the Municipality, it was the intent of staff to develop the annual paving program with the new prioritization method from the list of roads that have been successfully surveyed (or where a Councillor has waived the right to survey). Currently there are 44 roads on this list and staff propose to proceed with the prioritization from this list. The balance of the 130 locations will be prioritized under the new method as they become successfully surveyed (or if the right to survey is waived).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

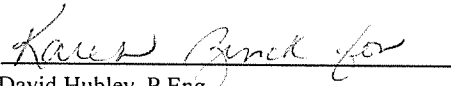
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.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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