

Councillor Request for Information

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(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: September 4, 2007

Subject: Grass Cutting – Municipal Right of Ways

Request: Please add the above item to the agenda

Reason:

In some parts of HRM, there seems to be confusion, primarily among residents, over who is responsible for cutting grass along municipal Rights of Ways (ROWs). This confusion arises in part due to past municipal practices (areas that were cut are not being cut this year) and confusion about side abutting ROWs. In some cases ROWs are being cut and then 20 feet or less is being left uncut, before the cutting area resumes. I request that staff prepare a cost estimate for cutting municipal ROWs. Particularly the following questions should be answered:

1. What would the additional cost be to return this service to previous levels over this year's grass cutting costs?
2. What savings (time and money) would result in not having to print door knockers and send bylaw officers to visit homes where ROWs are not being cut?
3. What policies and/or changes to existing bylaws would be required to implement this change for 2008/9?
4. What are the pros and cons of providing this based on previous staff experience?

I would like this response as:

- Email to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerks Office
 Memo to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerks Office
Information Report to Community Council Regional Council
 Recommendation Report to Community Council Regional Council

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