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Halifax Regional Council
September 4, 2007

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: August 21, 2007

SUBJECT: Petition for Street Upgrades, Balsam Circle - Central Region

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of July 3, 2007, Item 10.2 - Petition from Councillor Harvey requesting the repaving and installation of concrete curb on Balsam Circle, Central Region.

BACKGROUND

At the July 3, 2007 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Harvey served a petition on behalf of the residents of Balsam Circle, Sackville requesting the repaving of the street and upgrading of the asphalt curb to concrete.

DISCUSSION

Balsam Circle is a local street in Sackville which is approximately 740 meters in length and runs from Riverside Drive and loops back to itself. The street is a paved street with asphalt curbs.

Balsam Circle is included in our Pavement Condition Management System. The Surface Distress Index (SDI) in 2005 was 0.00. If this street was to be reconstructed with new asphalt, concrete curb and gutter and associated gravels, the estimated costs would be \$750,000. An alternative to this strategy would be to patch specific areas, overlay the entire street with asphalt and consider some repairs to the existing curb at an estimated cost of \$150,000. It should be expected that these costs will increase over time as construction costs rise incrementally each year.

Staff is currently developing the 2008/09 Capital Program and therefore, unable to confirm if Balsam Circle will be upgraded next year. However, staff will consider this street in conjunction with other candidate locations as part of the review process. In the interim, staff of Public Works Operations will be requested to review the street for general maintenance.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

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 to this course of action.

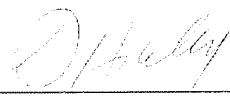
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