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**Item No. 10.1.4**

**Halifax Regional Council  
April 29, 2008**

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

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** April 18, 2008

**SUBJECT:** **By-Law Number S-425 , Respecting Charges for Street Improvements**

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**ORIGIN**

This report originates from staff.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve the new Local Improvement rates as per the attached Appendix "A",
2. approve in principle the adoption of By-Law Number S-425, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, attached, and also give notice of motion to begin the formal adoption process; and,
3. apply the new rates to all applicable 2007/08 Local Improvement capital projects.

## **BACKGROUND**

By-Law Number S-400 deals with the recovery of costs where Council undertakes a project to install new street paving, new sidewalks, and/or new concrete curb and gutter. This By-Law provides the authority to impose a charge on persons owning property that abuts either side of the street as described in By-Law S-400.

## **DISCUSSION**

The approved Council policy for Local Improvement rates for new sidewalk, new concrete curb and gutter, and new paving projects (Street Improvement) is based on the average of the actual construction costs of all projects subject to Local Improvement Charges. Based on this policy, staff reviewed 2007/2008 construction costs of new sidewalk, new concrete curb and gutter, and new paving projects, and recommends the rates as identified in Appendix "A".

The proposed By-Law Number S-425, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, is an amendment to By-Law Number S-400, The Street Improvement By-Law, and will enable HRM to levy Local Improvement Charges for new street improvements. The rates to be applied are also illustrated on the attached By-Law Number S-425 .

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Upon approval, Local Improvement Charges for 2007/08 capital projects will be levied using the rates as indicated in the attached Appendix "A", and the amount will be collected as operating revenue as approved by Regional Council.

## **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.

The installation of new sidewalk, curb and gutter, and pavement facilitates improvements in the areas of pedestrian safety, drainage and rideability/maintenance, respectively. As the infrastructure ages, capital funds will be required for replacement.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Council could choose not to increase the rates for the 2007/2008 Local Improvement capital projects, however, staff does not recommend this alternative

**ATTACHMENT**


1. Appendix "A".
2. By-Law Number S-425, Respecting Changes to Street Improvements.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax at 490-4208.

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**Appendix "A"**

**Local Improvement Rates By-Law S-425  
Projects Completed 2007**

<b>LIC Project</b>	<b>50% Construction Cost to Residents</b>	<b>Cost per foot to Residents</b>	<b>Engineering Fee Revenue</b>	<b>Engineering Fees per foot</b>	<b>LIC + Eng Fees</b>
New Sidewalk	\$523,156.36	\$37.12	\$52,315.64	\$3.71	\$40.83
Curb & Gutter	\$266,582.48	\$25.00	\$26,658.25	\$2.50	\$27.50
New Paving	\$567,390.51	\$24.92	\$28,369.53	\$1.25	\$26.17
<b>TOTAL RECOVERY</b>	<b>\$1,357,129.35</b>		<b>\$107,343.41</b>		<b>\$1,464,472.76</b>

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

**BY-LAW NUMBER S-425**

**RESPECTING CHARGES FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that By-Law Number S-400, The Street Improvement By-Law, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Schedule "A" of By-Law Number S-400 is amended by adding the following:

For all projects approved after January 1, 2007, the charges shall be as follows:

For **new** concrete sidewalk the charge per foot of frontage to be applied to both sides of the streets shall be \$37.12 plus \$3.71 for the engineering fee for a total charge of \$40.83.

For **new** concrete curb and gutter, the charge per foot of frontage to be applied to both sides of the street shall be \$25.00 plus \$2.50 for the engineering fee for a total charge of \$27.50.

For **new** asphalt paving, the charge per foot of frontage to be applied to both sides of the street shall be \$24.92 plus \$1.25 for the engineering fee for a total charge of \$26.17.

Done and passed by Council this      day of                      , A.D. 2008.

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Mayor

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Acting Municipal Clerk

I, Julia Horncastle, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted by-law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on                      ,2008.

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Julia Horncastle  
Acting Municipal Clerk