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

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SUBMITTED BY:

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**

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**

LIC Project	50% Construction Cost to Residents	Cost per foot to Residents	Engineering Fee Revenue	Engineering Fees per foot	LIC + Eng Fees
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
TOTAL RECOVERY	\$1,357,129.35		\$107,343.41		\$1,464,472.76

