

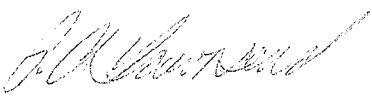


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Item No. 2

Halifax Regional Council
April 14, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Phil Townsend, Acting Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management

DATE: April 2, 2009

SUBJECT: **Petition for New Sidewalk - Ross Street (Donaldson Ave. to Oakley Ave.) - Halifax**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of February 10, 2009, Item 9.2.1 - Petition submitted by Councillor Hum on behalf of the residents of Ross Street who are opposed to the installation of a sidewalk on this street.

BACKGROUND

Area residents submitted a petition to Councillor Hum opposing the construction of a new sidewalk on Ross Street between Donaldson Avenue and Oakley Avenue. HRM staff then conducted a survey of the property owners on Ross Street between February 10th and 25th, 2009. The results of the survey confirmed the petition, indicating that the residents are overwhelmingly against the project. Of those who replied within the specified time frame, 100% were against the project. There were (25) twenty-five properties surveyed, of those (11) eleven returned were not in favour, (12) were not returned (which are assumed as not in favour) and (2) two in favour were returned after the specified return date.

DISCUSSION

Ross Street is located in District 16 and runs between Dunbrack Street and Farnham Gate Road. The portion of the street in question, Donaldson Avenue to Oakley Avenue, is paved with asphalt curbs while the remainder of the street has concrete curbs and sidewalk on the northwest side.

Ross Street is on the proposed 2009/10 Capital Budget Program and is to include paving renewal and new concrete curb and gutter installation. A new sidewalk (between Donaldson Avenue and Oakley Avenue) was being contemplated as well; however, due to the lack of support from the residents, Councillor Hum has requested the new sidewalk portion of this project no longer be considered.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Since Ross Street is no longer being considered for a new sidewalk, funds from the New Sidewalk account will be used for other project locations.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

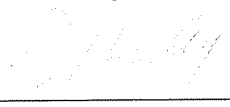
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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

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