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Item No. 2

**Halifax Regional Council
June 23, 2009**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: June 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Petition for Sidewalk, Highway No. 7, Musquodoboit Harbour

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of September 9, 2008, Item 10.2.1 - Petition requesting the installation of a sidewalk along Highway No. 7 in Musquodoboit Harbour.

BACKGROUND

At the September 9, 2008 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Streach presented a petition from members of the public requesting that HRM have sidewalks installed in Musquodoboit Harbour along the #7 Highway to improve pedestrian safety.

DISCUSSION

Sidewalks on Provincially-owned highways are the responsibility of the Municipality. Sidewalk construction on rural highways is very expensive, as it normally requires ditches to be removed and replaced with pipes and catchbasins to handle storm runoff.

Based on the evolution of a similar request in Sheet Harbour, HRM is developing a process which would allow communities to consider the installation of new sidewalks funded through an LIC or Area Rate with the community being responsible for maintenance etc. Once completed, this process will be brought back to Council for review and approval.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.

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