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## Item No. 2

**Halifax Regional Council**  
**June 30, 2009**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management

**DATE:** June 16, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Petition for Sidewalk & Curb Renewal, Novalea Drive ( Devonshire to  
Kenny ) East Side - District 11, West Region**

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### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 26, 2009, Item 10.2.1 - Petition from Councillor Blumenthal requesting the Sidewalk & Curb Renewal, Novalea Drive ( Devonshire to Kenny ) East Side - District 11, West Region.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the May 26, 2009 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Blumenthal served a petition on behalf of the residents of Novalea Drive requesting the sidewalk and curb renewal of Novalea Drive (from Devonshire to Kenny ) East Side - District 11, West Region.

## **DISCUSSION**

Novalea Drive is a major collector street in District 11. The section of sidewalk identified in the petition is approximately 360 meters in length and runs from Devonshire Ave. to Kenny Dr. on the east side of the street. The street is paved with concrete sidewalk and curbs on both sides.

Novalea Drive is included in our Condition Management System. The Surface Distress Index (SDI) of the street was last rated in 2009 at 5.17. The sidewalk was also rated in 2009 at 75% defective, and the curb is in poor condition. Currently, there are approximately 135 kilometers that are being considered for a capital improvement. Based on budget amounts, 4-5 kilometers are upgraded annually. Typically, a sidewalk will be considered for a capital upgrade if it is rated highest on the list. For stand-alone sidewalk renewal projects in 2009, projects rated at 80% and 79% were chosen for the program. Staff will also consider lower rated locations if it can be integrated with a paving project. As a note, if this sidewalk was to be reconstructed with new concrete curb and gutter and associated gravels, the estimated costs would be \$195,000.

Staff is currently developing the 2010/11 Capital Program, and therefore unable to confirm if Novalea Drive sidewalk and curb and gutter will be upgraded next year. However, staff will consider this sidewalk in conjunction with other candidate locations as part of the review process. In the interim, staff of Municipal Operations has been requested to review the sidewalk for general maintenance.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications at this time.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

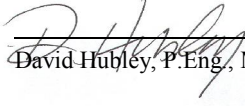
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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 490-4208.

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