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Item No. 11.1.7
Halifax Regional Council
September 8, 2009

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: August 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Closure of June Street to Vehicular Traffic at West Street

ORIGIN

Item 8 of the June 23 meeting of Regional Council. Motion - Councillor Sloane, "To close June Street at West Street to vehicular traffic". Motion approved to begin the process for street closure. The process to include a public information meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council approve the closure of June Street at West Street to vehicular traffic for a total amount of \$3,000.00 (net HST included). Funding is available in Capital Account No. CTR00423 - Traffic Calming (Consultant Support & Hardware) as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

June Street is a narrow one-way street with buildings abutting the very edge of its travel way. Its width varies and is only 4.0m wide at its narrowest point at West Street. It carries one-way south bound traffic from West Street to Cunard Street with one intersection, at Sarah Street, in between. Its traffic volume is very low and is comprised of primarily local trips. There is no room for a sidewalk on either side and buildings at its northern end where it is narrowest have suffered damage from being struck by larger vehicles as they try to turn onto June Street from West Street.

DISCUSSION

There are no objections to the proposed closure from a traffic engineering perspective. June Street does not provide vehicle capacity for that area of the peninsula; and, local vehicle access to June Street will still be available via Sarah Street. The reduction in traffic entering this narrow lane from West Street will offer a measure of increased safety for pedestrians, motorists and private property owners whose homes will no longer be exposed to potential damage from turning vehicles.

Staff has consulted with Police, Fire, and Solid Waste all of which indicated they had no concerns for the proposed closure. Municipal Operations did indicate concerns for their ability to service the street, especially during snow and ice control operations. There were no objections to the proposed closure raised by local residents who attended a public information session held on June 27.

The concerns raised by Municipal Operations will be addressed by using a swinging gate to effect the closure. The gate will remain locked except for times of required street maintenance. Its design will provide for vehicle access through a 2.7m opening and will include a 1.3m permanent clearance on one side for pedestrians including persons in wheelchairs to pass by the gate at all times. The cost of materials and installation of the gate is approximately \$3,000. (net HST included).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available in Capital Account CTR00423 - Traffic Calming (Consultant Support & Hardware) to cover the costs of materials and installation of this gate. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No. CTR00423 -Traffic Calming (Consultant Support & Hardware)	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 141,643.26
	Less: Street Closure Fee	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 138,643.26

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

Council could choose not to approve the closure.

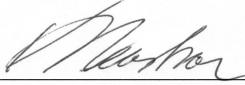
ATTACHMENTS

1. Diagram of Proposed Gate to be Installed on June Street


A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.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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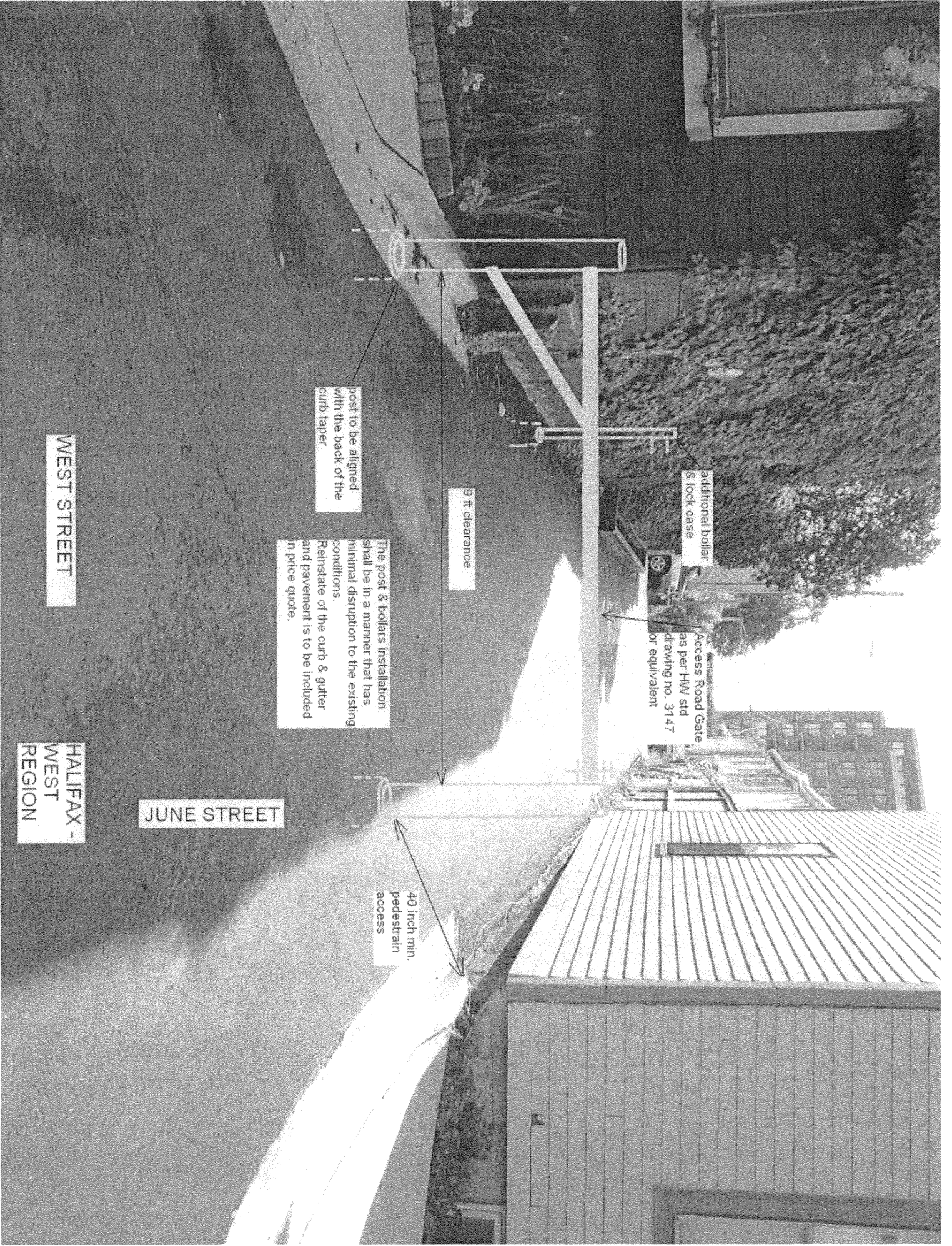

Ken Reashor, P. Eng., Manager, Traffic & Right of Way Services, 490-6637

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For - Catherine Sanderson, Sr. Manager, Financial Services, 490-1562



additional bollars & lock case

Access Road Gate as per HW std drawing no. 3147 or equivalent

9 ft clearance

The post & bollars installation shall be in a manner that has minimal disruption to the existing conditions. Reinstate of the curb & gutter and pavement is to be included in price quote.

post to be aligned with the back of the curb taper

40 inch min. pedestrian access

JUNE STREET

WEST STREET

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