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Item No. 6

**Halifax Regional Council
October 20, 2009**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure and Asset Management

DATE: September 24, 2009

SUBJECT: **Petition for Sidewalk Renewal, Beresford Road (Edgewood to Roslyn)
East and West Side - District 11, West Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of Sept 8, 2009, Item 10.2.2 - Petition from Councillor Blumenthal requesting that sidewalks be renewed at Beresford Road (Edgewood to Roslyn), East and West Side - District 11, West Region.

BACKGROUND

At the September 8, 2009 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Blumenthal served a petition on behalf of the residents of Beresford Road requesting the sidewalks be renewed on Beresford Road (Edgewood to Roslyn), East and West Side - District 11, West Region.

DISCUSSION

Beresford Road is a local street located in District 11. The section of sidewalk identified in the petition is approximately 358 meters in length and runs from Edgewood to Roslyn on the east and west side of the street. The street has a chip sealed surface with concrete sidewalk and curbs on both sides.

Beresford Road is included in HRM's Condition Management System. The Surface Distress Index (SDI) of the street pavement was last rated in 2007 at 5.51. The sidewalk was also rated in 2007 with the west side at 65% defective and the east side at 68% defective, with the rated curb in good condition. Currently, there are approximately 135 kilometers of existing sidewalk 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 these sidewalks were to be reconstructed with new concrete curb and gutter and associated gravels, the estimated costs would be \$196,000. If the curb and gutter was not replaced, the estimated cost would be \$107,000.

Staff is currently developing the 2010/11 Capital Program; however, given the rating of the Beresford sidewalks (65% and 68% defective) relative to other higher rated locations, it is not anticipated that these sidewalks will be included in next year's capital budget. Staff will continue to monitor the Beresford sidewalks though in consideration of future capital budgets.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications at this time.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

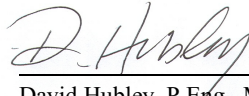
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

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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