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Item No. 4

Halifax Regional Council
February 2, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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

DATE: January 6, 2009

SUBJECT: **Petition for Sidewalk Renewal, Mount Pleasant Avenue (Lakeview to Hillside) South Side - District 5, East Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of July 7, 2009, Item 10.2.1, Petition submitted by Councillor McCluskey, signed by 51 residents of the Mount Pleasant Avenue area of Dartmouth, requesting that the sidewalk be included on the priority list of sidewalk renewals for 2010 due to the dangerous conditions.

BACKGROUND

At the July 7, 2009, Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor McCluskey served a petition on behalf of the residents of Mount Pleasant Avenue requesting the sidewalk renewal of Mount Pleasant Avenue (Lakeview to Hillside) South Side - District 5, East Region.

DISCUSSION

Mount Pleasant Avenue is a local street in District 5. The section of sidewalk identified in the petition is approximately 335 meters in length and runs from Lakeview Avenue to Hillside Avenue on the south side of the street. The street is paved with concrete sidewalk and curbs on both sides.

Mount Pleasant Avenue is included in our Condition Management System. The Surface Distress Index (SDI) of the street was last rated in 2008 at 5.78. The sidewalk was rated in 2007 at 77% defective, and the curb is in fair 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, for stand alone projects, 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 \$185,000.

Staff is currently developing the 2010/11 Capital Program, and therefore unable to confirm if Mount Pleasant Avenue sidewalk 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.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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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