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**Item No. 11.1.2**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 17, 2010**

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

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** August 10, 2010

**SUBJECT:** **2010 Aid-to-Municipality Cost Sharing Paving Program**

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### **ORIGIN**

This report originates from staff.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Transfer funding in the amount of \$149,000 from Project No. CZU01082, Resurfacing to Project No. CZU01080, New Paving HRM Owned Street.
  2. Approve a budget increase of \$149,000 to Project No. CZU01080, New Paving HRM Owned Streets for the paving of Emerald Drive, a portion of David Allen Drive, Joan Elizabeth Way and a portion of Earl Court, funded through Local Improvement Charges (LIC), as outlined in the budget implications section of this report.
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## **BACKGROUND**

On February 9, 2009, Halifax Regional Council approved a three-year construction agreement (Construction Agreement 2009/12) with Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). The Aid-to-Municipality Program is an agreement between NSTIR and other Nova Scotia Municipalities (including HRM) to upgrade provincially owned and maintained gravel roads with an asphalt wearing surface. With respect to roads located within HRM boundaries (outside the core area), it is the Province's responsibility under this program to create a construction agreement and design, tender and construct the proposed work. HRM's role is to identify the streets to be paved and to facilitate the LIC process. The program is cost-shared between the Province and the Municipality, each paying 50% of the total construction costs. HRM's portion is recovered in its entirety by levying LIC to the abutting properties on the relevant streets. The paving projects are approved in HRM's Project Budget under Project No. CXU00585, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Outside the Core Area.

## **DISCUSSION**

On January 28, 2010, HRM sent the priority list of streets to be considered as candidate projects for the cost shared paving of subdivision streets outside the core area to the Province. The estimated cost for the 21 streets is \$2,194,920. HRM received a letter from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal on June 9, 2010, approving all the streets submitted for the 2010 Cost Sharing Program for paving of subdivision (J Class) streets.

In addition to the recommendations for provincially owned streets, staff also submitted four HRM owned gravel streets that were at the top of the paving priority list. The four streets were Emerald Drive, a portion of David Allen Drive, Joan Elizabeth Way and a portion of Earl Court (District 3). Staff requested these streets be included in the Aid to Municipality tender with HRM covering the full cost, half of which will be recovered via LIC's.

The reason for including the four HRM streets was to take advantage of two opportunities provided in the NSTIR tender. Two of these streets, David Allen Drive and Earl Court, are jointly owned by NSTIR and HRM. To proceed with the tender for the NSTIR owned portion and not the HRM owned portion, would result in only part of the streets being paved and also likely result in unequal LIC for adjacent properties when the HRM portion gets paved in the future. Emerald Drive and David Allen Drive are also HRM high priority paved streets that are immediately adjacent to streets that are to be paved under the NSTIR program. Staff felt that there would be economy of scale savings to be realized to HRM and the residents of those streets by including these two streets in the NSTIR tender. Included in the letter from the Minister's office was the approval that these HRM owned subdivision streets would be included in their 2010 tender.

The total estimated cost for the additional four HRM owned streets is \$428,000. HRM will pay for 100% of the cost and will recover 50% of that cost by levying LIC to the abutting properties on these streets. HRM will not be billed until April 2011, however, under PSAB3150 regulations HRM must fund for work in the year the cost is incurred, not the year it will be billed. In order to take advantage of the opportunities noted above, some of the estimated \$428,000 required for this work must be transferred from Project No. CZU01082, Resurfacing, as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

Councillor Hendsbee has requested that the streets within District 3 (17 streets) have the LIC recovered via a lot charge. The property owners have been notified in writing regarding this recovery method. Lot charges will also apply to the streets in District 2 and District 22. The LIC for the paving of Jericho Road will be recovered via a mapped area rate to 109 properties approved by Councillor Rankin. Letters were mailed to the affected property owners on October 29, 2009, informing them of the estimated cost of \$188 per property.

The NSTIR tender was issued on August 11, 2010, including the four additional HRM owned streets discussed above, but with the provision that award of that portion of the contract would not proceed until Halifax Regional Council approved the expenditure. The Tender is due to close on August 25, 2010. Due to Halifax Regional Council's schedule and the need for a timely award of the project by NSTIR, Council approval of the expenditure relating to the HRM owned streets is being sought based on the estimated costs of construction, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report. Past experience in accuracy of estimating paving work leads staff to believe that the cost of the project will be relatively close to the estimates.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the estimated tender price of \$428,000 (net HST included), funding will be available in Project No. CZU01080 - New Paving of HRM Owned Streets. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services. All 2010/11 projects previously identified in CZU01080 and CZU01082 have been completed and/or tendered and there is some budget remaining to complete additional work.

**Budget Summary:**    **Project No. CZU01080, New Paving of HRM Owned Streets**  
Reservation #1964 lines 1 and 3

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cumulative Unspent Budget   | \$ 130,933         |
| Add: Transfer from CZU01082 | \$ 149,000         |
| Add: LIC revenue            | \$ 149,000         |
| Less: Tender                | <u>\$(428,000)</u> |
| Balance                     | \$     933         |

**Project No. CZU01082, Resurfacing**  
Reservation #1964 line 2

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cumulative Unspent Budget  | \$ 149,746         |
| Less: Transfer to CZU01080 | <u>\$(149,000)</u> |
| Balance                    | \$     746         |

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If approved, this will increase the 2010/11 gross project budget but not the net.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Two letters were mailed to all the property owners. The first letter stated that their street was being forwarded to NSTIR for consideration for paving under the 2010 Aid to Municipality Cost Sharing Program. The second letter informed the property owners that their street was approved for the 2010 paving program and that the LIC's would be recovered via a lot charge.

**ATTACHMENTS**

2010 Aid - to- Municipality Cost Sharing Paving Program A -1  
2010 Aid - to - Municipality Cost Sharing Paving Program A-2

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Council Report**

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**August 17, 2010**

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# 2010 Aid - to- Municipality Cost Sharing Paving Program A - 1

Listed below are the streets approved for the 2010 Aid to Municipality Program

| Street Name   | Limits   | Area/Subdivision     | District | Road length in meters | Estimated Cost at \$360 per meter | Estimated Lot Charge based on \$35 per foot | Notification   |
|---|--|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Mannette Crt  | Sandy Point Rd to end                              | Porter Lake          | 3        | 382                   | \$137,520.00                      | \$4,947                                     | Letter mailed July 5   |
| Sandy Point Rd                                      | Civic 1 to Civic 31                                | Porter Lake          | 3        | 276                   | \$99,360.00                       | \$4,813                                     | Letter mailed Aug 3  |
| Sandy Point Rd 2                                    | Civic 51 to Civic 16 Joan Elizabeth Way            | Porter Lake          | 3        | 439                   | \$158,040.00                      | \$4,813                                     | Letter mailed Aug 3  |
| Hartland Dr   | existing pavement to paved section                 | Grand Lake           | 2        | 163                   | \$58,680.00                       | \$2,758                                     | Letter mailed June 28  |
| Florence  | from Hartland to end                               | Grand Lake           | 2        | 372                   | \$133,920.00                      | \$2,758                                     | Letter mailed June 28  |
| Sean Lane   | Capri Dr to Evergreen Cres                         | Porter Lake          | 3        | 181                   | \$65,160.00                       | \$3,405                                     | Letter mailed June 23  |
| Evergreen Crt                                       | Seans Lane to the existing pavement                | Porter Lake          | 3        | 216                   | \$77,760.00                       | \$3,405                                     | Letter mailed June 23  |
| Spruce Crt  | Three Fathom Harbour Rd to Three Fathom Harbour Rd | Three Fathom Harbour | 3        | 864                   | \$311,040.00                      | \$7,059                                     | Letter mailed June 25  |
| David Allen Dr                                      | Melinda Ave. south on David Allen Dr. to end       | Porters Lake         | 3        | 424                   | \$152,640.00                      | \$4,792                                     | Letter mailed June 25  |
| Melinda Ave   | Crowell Rd to David Allen Dr                       | Porters Lake         | 3        | 115                   | \$41,400.00                       | Included in David Allen Drive               |  |
| Roma Dr   | Highway 7 to end                                   | Head of Chezzetcook  | 3        | 387                   | \$139,320.00                      | \$3,979                                     | Letter mailed June 29  |
| Bernice Dr.   | Shore Rd to end                                    | West Chezzetcook     | 3        | 329                   | \$118,440.00                      | \$4,309                                     | Letter mailed June 29  |
| Earl Crt  | Civic 1 to 33                                      | Porters Lake         | 3        | 360                   | \$129,600.00                      | \$7,179                                     | Letter mailed June 28  |
| James Roy Dr  | from existing pavement to Earl Crt                 | Porters Lake         | 3        | 58                    | \$20,880.00                       | Included in Earl Crt                        |  |
| Keating Dr  | Hwy 207 to end                                     | West Chezzetcook     | 3        | 237                   | \$85,320.00                       | \$4,231                                     | Letter mailed June 29  |
| George Redmond Dr                                   | Keating Dr to end                                  | West Chezzetcook     | 3        | 92                    | \$33,120.00                       | \$2,654                                     | Letter mailed June 29  |
| Meadow View Dr.                                     | Porters Lake Station Rd to end                     | Porters Lake         | 3        | 306                   | \$110,160.00                      | \$3,820                                     | Letter mailed June 29  |
| Doyle Drive   | Porters Lake Station Rd to end                     | Porters Lake         | 3        | 161                   | \$57,960.00                       | \$3,894                                     | Letter mailed June 30  |
| Roblea Dr.  | Porters Lake Station Rd to end                     | Porters Lake         | 3        | 293                   | \$105,480.00                      | \$3,919                                     | Letter mailed July 14  |
| Jericho Rd.   | Big Hubley Lake Dr to Glory Ave                    | Hubley               | 22       | 151                   | \$54,360.00                       | \$188                                       | mapped area rate letters to the 109 properties Oct. 29, 2009 |
| Five Island Rd.                                     | from existing pavement to existing pavement        | Sheldrake Lake       | 22       | 291                   | \$104,760.00                      | \$743                                       |  |
| TOTAL   |  |                      |          | 5808                  | \$2,194,920.00                    |   |  |
| HRM Owned Streets to be included in the Aid Program |  |                      |          |                       |                                   |   |  |
| Emerald Dr  | Highway 207 to cul de sac                          | Three Fathom Harbour | 3        | 423                   | \$152,280.00                      | \$5,028                                     | Letter mailed July 5   |
| David Allen Dr                                      | Melinda Ave. south on David Allen Dr. to end       | Porters Lake         | 3        | 290                   | \$104,400.00                      | \$4,792                                     | Letter mailed June 25  |
| Joan Elizabeth Way                                  | Sandy Point Rd to end                              | Porter Lake          | 3        | 250                   | \$90,000.00                       | \$3,664                                     | Letter mailed July 2   |
| Earl Crt  | Civic 1 to 33                                      | Porters Lake         | 3        | 224                   | \$80,640.00                       | \$7,179                                     | Letter mailed June 28  |
| TOTAL   |  |                      |          | 1187                  | \$427,320.00                      |   |  |



