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

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: April 19, 2005

SUBJECT: Street Renaming Requests- Council Status Sheet Items

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This information report is in response to three requests to rename streets within the municipality. These requests are status sheet items 9.2.1 (January 2005), 10.1 (November 16, 2004), and 9.4.2 (October 7, 2003).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

This report is written in response to requests from three members of Regional Council to rename streets within the municipality. Two requests pertain to naming streets in honour of specific HRM citizens. In October, 2003, Councillor Sloane requested that a street be renamed as a tribute to D. W. "Buddy" Daye, the first black Sergeant-in-Arms in Canada and co-founder of the N.S. Black United Front. **Item 9.4.2 October 7, 2003.** In November, 2004, Councillor Karsten requested a new street be named or an existing street be renamed to honour former Councillor Condo Sarto for his many years of service to the community. **Item 10.1 November 16, 2004** The third request was from Councillor Younger in January 2005 to rename a portion of Caledonia Road to address street name changes occurring at a non-intersection location. **Item 9.2.1 January 2005** These requests were referred to Civic Addressing staff for review and follow-up.

Staff have met with each of the Councillors to discuss options and approaches to the aforementioned requests. It has been agreed that all of the requests will be processed as part of the urban area civic addressing correction project which will commence this fall (September 2005).

The issue of Caledonia Road/ Breeze Drive changing names at a non-intersection point had been identified previously by staff. It is flagged for correction in the upcoming project. A number of options to resolve the matter will be discussed with the HRM Public Safety Committee and the local Councillor before the correction is implemented.

With respect to the commemorative name requests, staff have suggested processing these changes through the civic address project. It is anticipated some streets will require renaming as a result of public safety issues (i.e. existence of duplicate street names, like sounding street names, or discontinuous streets with the same name). Where this is the case, staff will be able to apply the commemorative names without affecting streets, and therefore addresses, that would otherwise not be changed.

Staff have kept in contact with a member of the Daye family regarding the status and timing of Councillor Sloane's request.

The urban correction project will begin in July with implementation of the changes taking effect in July/ August 2006.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications to this report if the three requests are addressed as part of the urban area civic address correction project.

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

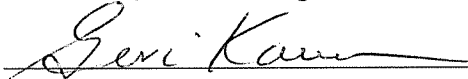
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ATTACHMENTS

None

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