



Request for Regional Council's Consideration

Included on Agenda
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)

> Added Item
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)

Request from the Floor

Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2013

Subject: Chebucto Head Road – Emergency Services Accessibility Assessment.

Motion for Council to Consider:

Request that Mayor Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, request that the Federal government take immediate action to upgrade their portion of Chebucto Head Road to HRM Fire and Emergency Services accessibility standards to allow prompt response to any residential emergencies as per the recent accessibility assessment of the Chebucto Head Road.

Outcome Sought:

That the Federal Government, as the property owners, be requested to upgrade their portion of Chebucto Head Road to an acceptable accessibility standard to allow HRM Fire and Emergency Services to respond promptly to any residential emergencies.

See attached letter dated February 6, 2013 advising of the result of the recent HRM Fire and Emergency Services accessibility assessment of Chebucto Head Road.

Councillor: Stephen Adams District: 11, Spryfield – Sambro Loop – Prospect Road

February 6, 2013

Robert J. MacDonald
Regional Director
Real Property, Safety & Security
Fisheries & Oceans Canada
P.O. Box 1000
Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 3Z8

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Re: Chebucto Head Road – Duncan’s Cove

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding the condition of the federally owned section of Chebucto Head Road, Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Fire and Emergency Services conducted an assessment of the road for accessibility purposes. As you know there are a number of residential homes that are accessed from Chebucto Head Road. HRM Fire and Emergency Services concluded that as a result of the level of road deterioration, certain vehicles would be challenged with respect to navigating at the appropriate speed through this section of road. This assessment was performed through the daylight hours, and therefore access during the night time would be more problematic due to the reduced visibility.

Since the federal government owns this section of Chebucto Head Road, we believe it is important to advise you of this restriction. It is the recommendation of HRM Fire and Emergency Services that the road be upgraded to an acceptable level to allow HRM Fire and Emergency Services to respond promptly to any residential emergencies.

Sincerely,


Original signed

~~David~~ Hubley, P.Eng.
Manager Design & Construction

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Cc.: \ Steve Adams, Councillor, District 11
Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Director, Transportation & Public Works
Brian Gray, Deputy Chief, Operations, Fire and Emergency Services

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Extract of Minutes Halifax Regional Council- June 19, 2012

10.2.2 Councillor Adams – Request for staff report re: Chebucto Head Road Maintenance Issues

A motion memorandum from Councillor Adams dated June 19, 2012 was before Council for consideration.

Councillor Adams highlighted the rationale outlined in his memorandum.

MOVED by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Wile that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report determining what can be done with regard to maintenance and upkeep of Chebucto Head Road. Solutions could include, but would not be limited to, developing a strategy with other levels of government to cost share in upgrades, or exploring alternative sources of funding, such as tourism. The solutions developed could serve as a template for other roads with similar issues.

Council requested the report identify the following:

- Confirmation of the length of the road and number of residents living on the road
- Opportunity for a Local Improvement Charge

A recorded vote was taken.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (22 in favour, 0 opposed)

Those voting in favour were: Mayor Kelly, Councillors Adams, Barkhouse, Dalrymple, Fisher, Harvey, Hendsbee, Hum, Johns, Lund, McCluskey, Mosher, Nicoll, Outhit, Rankin, Sloane, Smith, Streach, Uteck, Walker, Watts and Wile.
Deputy Mayor Karsten and Councillor Blumenthal were absent for the vote.