

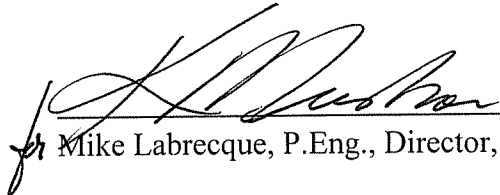


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Halifax Regional Council
March 28, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


for Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation & Public Works

DATE: March 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Petition - Removal of Street Lights Along West Jeddore Road

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 9.2.1 raised at the August 2, 2005 meeting of Halifax Regional Council.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Stretch served a petition requesting the removal of street lights along a section of West Jeddore Road.

DISCUSSION

In February 2005, some of the area residents requested through Councillor Streach's office that street lights be installed along West Jeddore Road from Civic #280 to the first Harbour View Crescent intersection. The reason given for the request was that this section of roadway is frequented by walkers and given the roadway geometry it was unsafe to do so at night. Staff shortly thereafter conducted an on-site review and concurred that there are roadway geometry safety issues including the roadway curvature, its proximity to the water, and steep embankments. As a result, staff agreed to install the necessary street lights to provide adequate illumination for the safe movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Once the street lights were installed, other area residents requested that they be removed. The subsequent petition did not specify why they wanted the street lights removed. After further discussion with Councillor Streach and his staff it was determined that the street lights interfere with their ability to clearly view the stars at night. It is unfortunate that this has happened, but given the above-mentioned safety reasons, the street lights cannot be removed.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

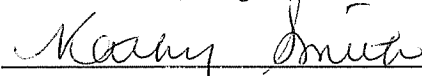
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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