

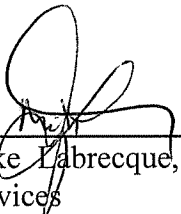


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Halifax Regional Council
May 16, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: May 5, 2006

SUBJECT: **Petition for New Paving, Springgreen Drive and Ladyslipper Crescent,
Oakfield - Central Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of April 11, 2006, Item 8.2 - Petition requesting an engineering study for the cost of paving Springgreen Drive and Ladyslipper Crescent, Oakfield and a request that HRM include the paving of these streets on the annual Capital Cost Shareable Work Request List.

BACKGROUND

At the April 11, 2006 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Snow served a petition from residents requesting an engineering study for the cost of paving Springgreen Drive and Ladyslipper Crescent, Oakfield and a request that HRM include the paving of these streets on the annual Capital Cost Shareable Work Request List.

DISCUSSION

Springgreen Drive and Ladyslipper Crescent are local gravel roads located in Oakfield. Springgreen Drive is approximately 790 metres in length and Ladyslipper Crescent is approximately 570 metres in length. The ownership and maintenance of these roads is by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSDOT&PW). Under current policies and procedures, the paving of these gravel roads would be the responsibility of the Province under the Aid to Municipalities cost sharing program.

Prior to adding a street to the list for new paving, approval from the property owners who collectively own more than 50% of the total recoverable road frontage is required. The paving of gravel roads require the recovery of Local Improvement Charges. The Local Improvement Charge is based on 50% of the actual construction cost divided by the recoverable frontage. The frontage charges will vary from year to year. Currently property owners are petitioned at an interim rate of \$30.00 per lineal foot of frontage.

The estimated cost to pave Springgreen Drive is \$270,000. The estimated cost to pave Ladyslipper Crescent is \$190,000. It should be expected that this cost will increase over time as construction costs rise incrementally each year. Currently streets are selected to be paved based on Provincial funding levels and the date of petition. An average of 3 to 6 streets are selected each year and there are approximately 50 streets that have been successfully petitioned.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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Springgreen Drive and Ladyslipper Crescent - Central Region
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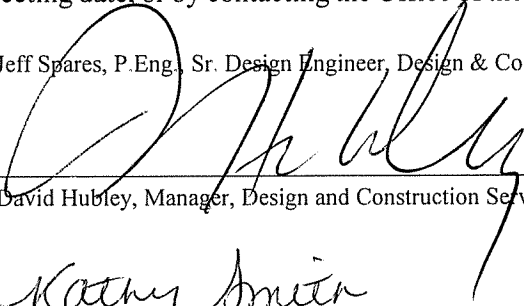
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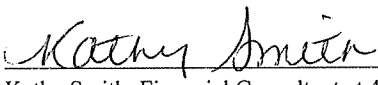
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