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Halifax Regional Council
February 28, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Mike Labrecque, P. Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works
Services

DATE: February 15, 2006

SUBJECT: Petition for New Sidewalk, Julies Walk - Central Region

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of January 31, 2006, Item 9.2 - Petition requesting sidewalk on Julies Walk.

BACKGROUND

At the January 31, 2006 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Hum served a petition from residents requesting the installation of a sidewalk on Julies Walk from the existing sidewalk at the top of Julies Walk to Downing Street.

DISCUSSION

Julies Walk is characterized as a local road in Halifax. The road generally runs north/south and is approximately 190 m long. To avoid costly retaining walls, the proposed sidewalk should be installed on the east side of Julies Walk, and connect to the existing sidewalk around the radius of the cul-de-sac and the sidewalk on Downing Street.

The work would consist of installing concrete curb and gutter and concrete sidewalk on the east side. The estimated cost for this work is \$95,000. It should be noted that this cost will increase over time as construction costs rise incrementally each year.

This sidewalk will be added to our list of proposed sidewalks for the Halifax Regional Municipality and will be referred for consideration as part of HRM's normal Capital Budget process.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

New concrete sidewalks require the recovery of Local Improvement Charges. The 2005 rate for new sidewalks has been established at \$22.71. We would note that the residents of Julies Walk have not been petitioned to determine their acceptance of this frontage charge. Alternatively, the Local Improvement Charges may be recovered by an area rate over a part or all of the district area. Based on the 2005 rates, the required Local Improvement recovery has been estimated at \$24,435. The Local Improvement Charge rates change yearly and it is likely that the rates will be higher when these projects are approved in the Capital Budget.

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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Council Report**

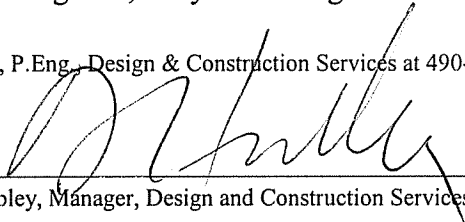
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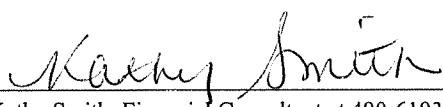
A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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