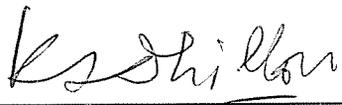




HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
February 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
K. S. Dhillon, P.Eng., Director, Public Works & Transportation

DATE: February 12, 2002

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES - YOUNG AVENUE AND POINT
PLEASANT DRIVE

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

October 9, 2001 Halifax Regional Council meeting, item 10.1.3.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Uteck submitted a petition expressing concerns with traffic safety in the vicinity of Young Avenue and Point Pleasant Drive.

DISCUSSION

Following receipt of this request, Staff undertook two separate data collection exercises and conducted periodic monitoring of this location. Staff is aware that incidents of squealing tires and high speeds occur on occasion at this location, however, the data below suggest that overall speeds are not abnormal for a street of this nature.

Young Avenue between Ogilvie Street and Point Pleasant Drive

Median Vehicle Speed	41 km/h
85 th Percentile Vehicle Speed (Speed at which 85% of vehicles travel at or below)	50 km/h

Although roadway design features and physical traffic calming measures have been used to address issues like this, they are not appropriate for collector streets like Young Avenue. Both Young Avenue and Point Pleasant Drive are important routes for emergency response vehicles and bus traffic and therefore physical traffic calming measures will compromise the safe and effective operation of the street.

Staff feels that there may be merit to consideration of an earlier closing time for the Point Pleasant parking lot at the end of Young Avenue. Staff has initiated discussions to determine the feasibility of this measure and its potential role in addressing isolated cases of speeding.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

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

N/A

Additional copies of this report and information on its status can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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