

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
March 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: March 4, 2002

SUBJECT: Street Lighting

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council, November 14, 2000, Item 12.1.5.

BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting on November 14, 2000 and a recent tax advisory committee meeting a number of street lighting issues were raised.

DISCUSSION

Street lighting within the right of way is funded through the general tax rate for areas within the urban and suburban core and area rated for areas outside the urban and suburban core boundaries. Requests for street lighting on private roads can be accommodated with the costs to operate being levied to those properties on the private road through an area rate.

Staff has commenced a review of all existing street lighting within HRM on a district by district basis and will be comparing the results to that of the HRM standards with the intent to implement a strategy for planned upgrading. The upgrading has already begun on main artery and collector roads.

Staff was requested to address the concern on the lack of illumination at night on the approach roads around the MacKay Bridge, the Windmill Road approach ramps and the Magazine Hill. Correspondence was forwarded to the Provincial Department of Transportation on November 14, 2000 addressing the issue for all three locations. Work is presently underway to regain illumination around the MacKay Bridge and Windmill Road approach ramps.

Public Works and Transportation Services has operational staff who are solely dedicated to street lighting issues. Staff inspect, identify, and effect repairs on HRM owned street lighting. Staff also forward and follow up on Nova Scotia Power owned street lighting deficiencies received by members of Council and the general public. Staff has had a number of meetings with Nova Scotia Power to address service levels and installation deficiencies of Nova Scotia Power owned lighting. Through these meetings, Nova Scotia Power has made commitments to hire additional staff to have reported deficiencies completed within five working days and new installations completed within a three-week period from the time a request is received by them.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None at this time.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY IMPACTS

None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES

None recommended.

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