
HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
May 14, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: May 8, 2002

SUBJECT: SEA KING DRIVE SHORT-CUTTING STUDY PETITION

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council Meeting of January 29, 2002, Item 10.1.

BACKGROUND

At the January 29, 2002 meeting, Councillor Smith submitted a petition on behalf of residents of Sea King Drive, Dartmouth, requesting implementation of the short-cutting policy. The petition was forwarded to Traffic and Transportation Services for attention.

DISCUSSION

The Short-Cutting Policy as approved by Regional Council on April 27, 1999, defines a problem street as a street bounded by collectors or arterial roads. The current roadway classification in that area shows Woodland Avenue as a collector between Victoria Road and Micmac Boulevard. Victoria Road is shown as a collector between Albro Lake Road and Thistle Street; and as an arterial north of Albro Lake Road. Thus the "project street" would include all of Sea King Drive plus Albro Lake Road from Sea King Drive to Victoria Road, as well as Lancaster Avenue between Sea King and Woodland (see sketch attached).

Since short-cutting measures also impact property access, an important part of the Policy is the support of residents within the corridor. In fact, it says that "*Signatures (one per address) representing a majority of the households and businesses are required*" before proceeding with the development of a plan. According to the city directory, there are about 411 abutting residences along these sections of roadway; therefore, a petition would have to have signatures representing at least 206 of those residences in order to implement the Policy.

Staff acknowledge the effort of Sea King residents in collecting signatures on the petition in January 2002, and apologize for the delay in responding. Upon review by staff, which was lengthy due to the context of the policy and the preciseness of the wording, the petition did not meet the requirements necessary to proceed with a shortcutting assessment as there were not enough signatures, nor was the entire corridor included. Therefore, it would be appropriate that another petition be circulated.

It should be noted that the preamble to the petition that was circulated on Sea King Drive should be changed. It says "*During the development of Lancaster Ridge, Sea King Dr. (formally an extension of Albro Lake Road) was scheduled to become a Cul De Sac upon completion of the street. A number of residents purchased and built homes with the understanding that the street would become a Cul De Sac and be formed at the corner of Albro Lake Rd. and Ernest Ave. This was planned by the former city of Dartmouth. Upon amalgamation of Halifax Regional Municipality, the plan to make Sea King Dr. into a Cul De Sac disappeared.*"

There was never an official City of Dartmouth plan to sever the Lancaster - Sea King - Albro Lake connection. The idea was proposed, debated with much public comment on both sides and subsequently rejected by the City of Dartmouth prior to amalgamation.

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

ATTACHMENTS

Sea King Drive Short-Cutting Study Sketch

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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**Sea King Drive
Neighbourhood
Short-Cutting Study**



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