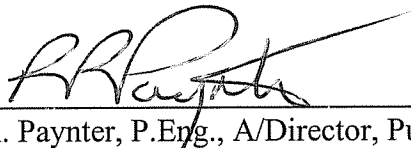

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
June 18, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: June 5, 2002

SUBJECT: ENTRANCE TO COLE HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council, May 7, 2002, Item 10.2.1.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Cooper submitted an email from the Cole Harbour District High School Health and Safety Committee and several letters from the First Forest Hills Guides related to safety of the Forest Hills Drive/Chameau Crescent intersection.

DISCUSSION

One area of concern raised was the incidence of vehicles passing on the shoulder to get around vehicles queued on Forest Hills Drive waiting to make a left turn. This problem is best addressed by construction of a left turn storage lane. Traffic Services has developed a program of prioritizing locations for construction of left turn storage lanes on two-lane roadways. Two locations on Glendale Drive in Sackville have been selected for implementation in 2002 and the Forest Hills/Chameau intersection will be evaluated for inclusion in the 2003 program.

The second concern identified was the need for traffic signals. HRM uses a national standard for determining when signalization at an intersection is warranted. Although previous assessments have indicated that volumes are below those required to warrant signalization, counts have been updated recently and a reassessment will be conducted. It is inappropriate to install traffic signals at a location where the degree of conflict is insufficient to warrant their use since signalization can be expected to decrease safety in those circumstances.

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

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