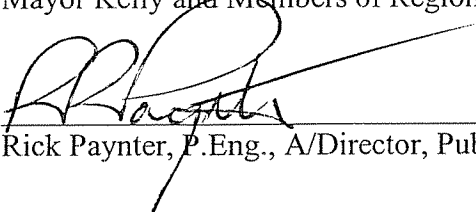


HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Rick Paynter, P.Eng., A/Director, Public Works & Transportation

DATE: September 4, 2002

SUBJECT: BRADORIAN DRIVE SHORT-CUTTING STUDY PETITION

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the July 9, 2002 meeting, item 10.2, Councillor Cooper submitted a petition on behalf of residents of Bradorian Drive, in Cole Harbour, requesting a traffic study of motor vehicle speeds and volumes on their street. The petition was forwarded to Halifax Regional Municipality Traffic and Transportation Services for attention.

BACKGROUND

HRM has taken the petition that it received to be a request for a short-cutting study to be carried out under the provisions of the HRM Neighbourhood Short-Cutting Policy. Regional Council approved the Short-Cutting Policy on April 27, 1999. The policy was a revision of the previously named Traffic-Calming Policy.

DISCUSSION

The petition as submitted follows the requirements for implementation of the Short-Cutting Policy as approved by Regional Council on April 27, 1999. The next step in the process is for HRM staff to *“gather information related to the request including volume, speed, and collision data. If it is determined that, according to the principles of [the] policy, a problem exists, the process advances to the next step.”*

The standard maximum traffic volume expected on a local street in HRM is 3000 vehicles per day.

With the backlog of other surveys already on the list, staff received the petition too late to get the surveys done while schools were still fully in session. Staff therefore intends to do a volume and speed study in the fall, once school traffic volumes are more representative. Once staff has that information it will be possible to determine how to decide upon the request.

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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