



Halifax Regional Council  
October 8, 2002

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Rick Paynter, P.Eng., A/Director, Public Works and Transportation

**DATE:** September 30, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Request for New Sidewalk Elwin Crescent, District 8 - East Region

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of September 17, 2002, Item 12.1.

### BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting held on September 17, 2002, Councillor Sarto requested a staff report on the feasibility on constructing a new sidewalk on Elwin Crescent from John Cross Drive to Robert Drive in concurrence with the street upgrading taking place on a section of Elwin Crescent. This report is in response to that request.

**DISCUSSION**

The upgrading of Elwin Crescent was a paving renewal project approved in the 2002/03 Capital Budget. No sidewalk was attached to that project and staff's spreadsheet data base of new sidewalks listed for Capital Budget consideration does not list Elwin Crescent.

At the request of Councillor Sarto, staff has completed an assessment of the requested sidewalk. The length of sidewalk requested is approximately 256 metres (840 ft.) with the cost estimated at \$35,000. Local Improvement recovery has been calculated at \$24,451, based on the 2002/03 approved rate of \$14.56. The priority rating assigned by staff is 55/100. One of the factors in assigning a low rating is the width of this residential street which is approximately 35 feet, 5 feet wider than the normal street width of 30 feet, curb face to curb face. This extra width provides a reasonably safe walking area on a street that does not contain unusually high volumes of traffic.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

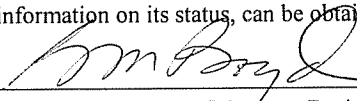
Staff's position on this type of request would be consistent with the recommendation presented to Council on September 17, 2002, relative to Birchwood Terrace and Lawnsdale Drive. Staff has no information to support a safety urgency for Elwin Crescent and as it is not an approved project within the 2002/03 Capital Budget, it is thus staff's intention to refer this project to the normal Capital Budget process. A site investigation has determined that there are no unusual features associated with the placement of a sidewalk on this area of Elwin Crescent and so no significant cost increases are expected to be encountered by such a deferral, other than normal materials and labour cost increases that occur each year within the construction industry.

**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**

There are no recommended alternatives.

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