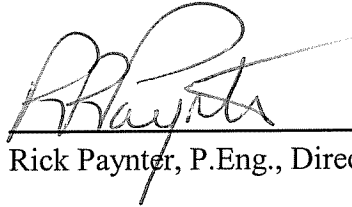


Halifax Regional Council
December 3, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Rick Paynter, P.Eng., Director, Public Works & Transportation

DATE: November 26, 2002

SUBJECT: Sewer and Water and Sidewalks: Sheet Harbour

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 21, 2002, Item 9.2.4 - Sewer and Water and Sidewalks: Sheet Harbour.

BACKGROUND

The Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce wrote Councillor Steve Streach in May of this year with respect to the possible provision of sewer and water and sidewalks to their community. Councillor Streach submitted the correspondence at the May 21, 2002 meeting of Regional Council.

DISCUSSION

Halifax County Municipality carried out a Pollution Control Study of Sheet Harbour in 1992. The study concluded that only a small number of properties in the community had sanitation problems, and that those could be “readily remedied by upgrading the existing onsite systems or, for small lots, by installing sand filter beds.”

The estimated capital cost presented in the report for storm system modifications, central sewage collection and treatment, and water for domestic use was \$7,759,000. It was further concluded in the report that it was “difficult to justify the cost of providing central water and/or sewage systems based solely on the apparent conditions within the community. However, if significant development is to occur in the future, central services may, at some point, be required to accommodate the development.”

Staff forwarded a copy of the report to the President of the Chamber of Commerce in July, and have had several discussions with the President. Staff have offered to meet with the Chamber at their discretion to discuss the issue and the options available to the community.

The Chamber also asked as to the possibility of installing sidewalks in Sheet Harbour. According to the President, the community would like to have sidewalk installed along Route 7, which is the main street through Sheet Harbour, from East River bridge to West River bridge, a distance of approximately 2.8 kilometers. In addition to sidewalk, the project would also require the installation of concrete curb and gutter, improvements to the storm drainage system, the installation of retaining walls, and the adjustment and reinstatement of driveways.

The capital cost of the sidewalk project is estimated to be \$1.9 million, and as defined in the Street Improvement By-Law (S-400), new sidewalk and some of the related costs are subject to improvement charges to be paid by the abutters. If the project becomes a reality, staff has been asked to consider the application for Infrastructure Funding in coordination with other eligible projects.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None at this time.

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


None recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

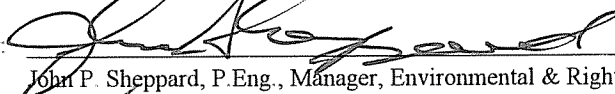
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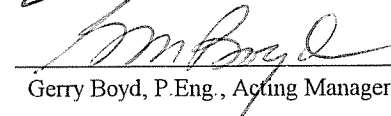
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