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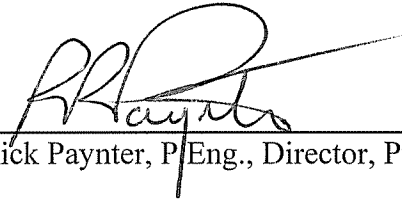


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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**February 18, 2003**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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

**DATE:** February 10, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Petition - Sidewalk Construction George Street, Central Region

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Halifax Regional Council meeting of January 28, Item 8.2.1.

**BACKGROUND**

At the January 28, 2003 Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Harvey served a petition from concerned parents and community members residing in the area of Sackville Centennial Elementary School requesting that a sidewalk be installed on George Street between Pinehill Road and the entry to Sackville Centennial Elementary School.

**DISCUSSION**

George Street is a local street in Lower Sackville that runs in both an east and west direction from Pinehill Drive. The petition requests that sidewalk be installed on the west leg of George Street, from Pinehill Drive to the school entrance. This dead-end section of George Street has a total of five homes and conveys local vehicle traffic that includes parents dropping children off for school during peak periods. The new proposed sidewalk would be approximately 90 metres in length with the cost estimated to be in the vicinity of \$12,000.

The proposed sidewalk for George Street has been added to the list of proposed sidewalks for the Halifax Regional Municipality and referred for consideration as part of HRM's normal Capital Budget process.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

New sidewalks require the recovery of a Local Improvement Charge which for 2002, has been approved at \$14.56 per lineal foot of frontage (the rates for 2003 have not yet been approved). We would note that the residents of this street have not been petitioned to determine their acceptance of this frontage charge. Alternatively, the Local Improvement Charges may be recovered by an area rate over a part or all of the district area. Based on the 2002 rate of \$14.56 per lineal foot, the required Local Improvement recovery has been established at \$6,020.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

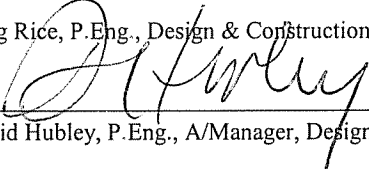
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives.

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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