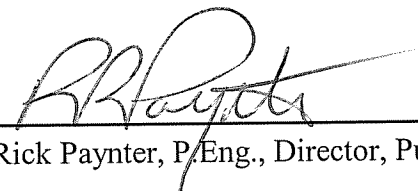


Halifax Regional Council
November 4, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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

DATE: October 28, 2003

SUBJECT: **Petition for the Upgrading of Cranston Avenue and Adjoining
Streets - East Region**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of September 23, 2003, Item 9.2.2.

BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting held on September 23, 2003, Councillor Cunningham served a petition from residents of Cranston Avenue, Benview Drive, Tremont Street, and Fairfield Avenue expressing concern regarding the disrepair of their streets. The Councillor asked that the petition be referred to staff for a response. This report is in response to that petition.

DISCUSSION

Cranston Avenue is a local residential street which runs from Benview Drive to end of roadway. The Surface Distress Index (SDI) pavement rating is 0.29, which is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction.

Fairfield Avenue is a local residential street which runs from Cranston Avenue to Lorne Avenue. The SDI pavement rating is 2.09, which is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction.

Tremont Avenue is a local residential street which runs from Cranston Avenue to Joffre Street. The SDI pavement rating is 2.57, which is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction.

Benview Drive is a local residential street which runs from Cranston Avenue to Lorne Avenue. The SDI pavement rating for each section is 5.58, which is indicative of a street that requires resurfacing.

Benview Drive is a local residential street which runs from Lorne Avenue to end. The SDI pavement rating is 2.43, which is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction.

Lorne Avenue is a local residential street which runs from Sinclair St. to end. The SDI pavement rating is 1.41, which is indicative of a street that requires reconstruction.

These streets are asphalt streets with underground services and concrete curbs with the exception of Cranston Avenue which has approximately 75 m of asphalt curb at the cul de sac end. The majority of the rideability problems associated with these streets are caused by settled service trenches, potholes, rocks starting to come up through the pavement, manholes that do not match pavement grade, and old asphalt patches that are beginning to fail. The concrete curb is in fair to poor condition and should be replaced when the streets are resurfaced or reconstructed.

Cranston Avenue, Benview Drive, Tremont Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Lorne Avenue has not been included in the tentative list of streets to be submitted for Councils' consideration for resurfacing in the 2004/05 or 2005/06 Capital Budgets. Staff will, however, prepare an estimate for the cost of resurfacing or reconstruction and replacing the concrete curb, and will include it for consideration along with similar projects for a future Capital Budget year. In the interim, staff of Streets and Roads, and Technical and Underground Services will be requested to review the streets for general maintenance.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications 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

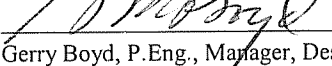
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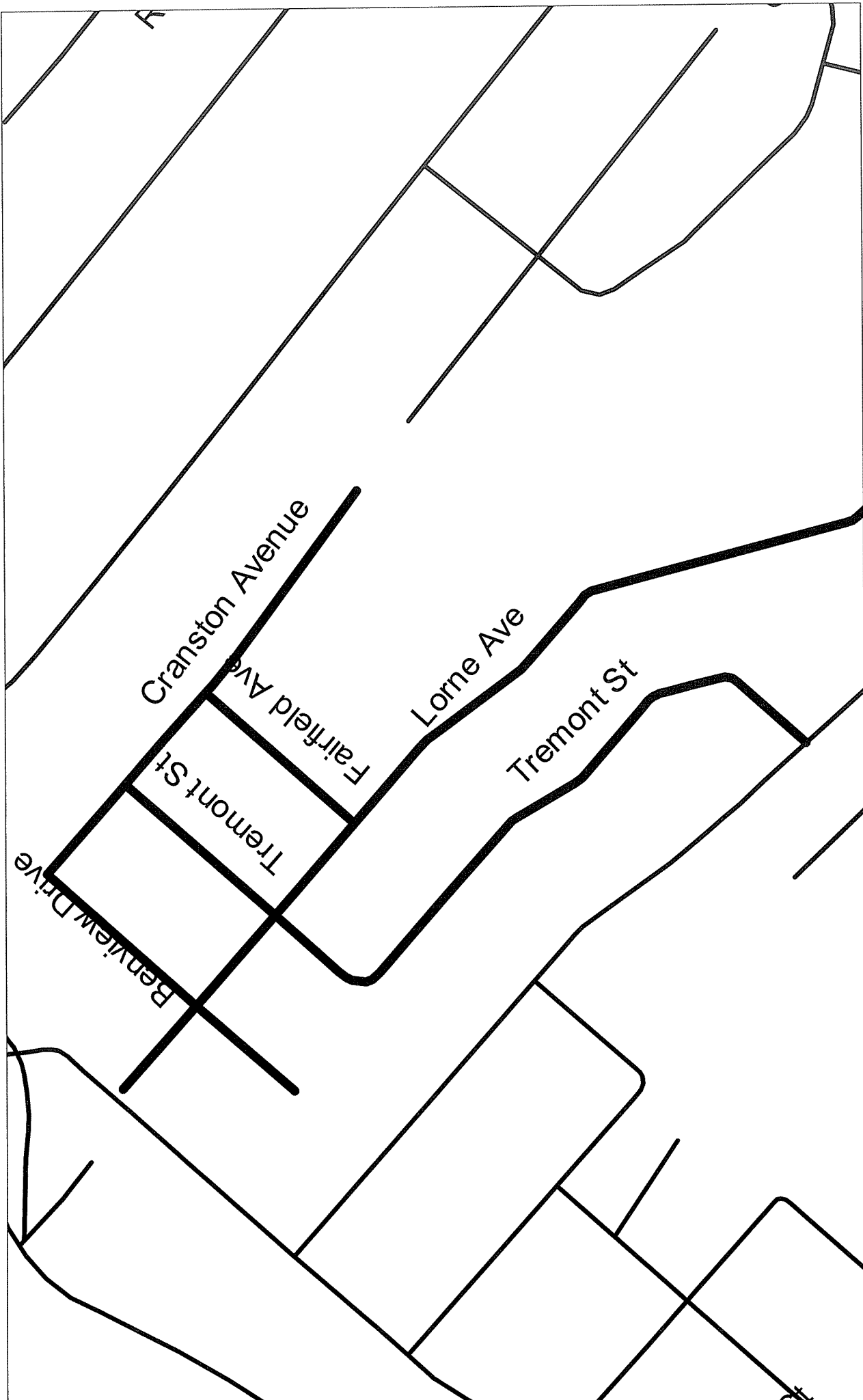
Copy of an area map from the Pavement Management System

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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Cranston Avenue

Lorne Ave

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