



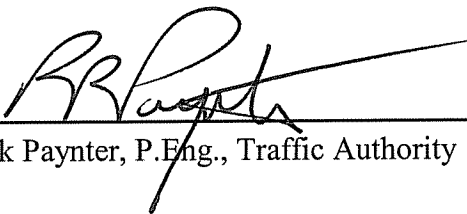
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Halifax Regional Council
November 25, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: November 14, 2003

SUBJECT: Traffic Warrants for Crosswalks - Interim Report

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of August 19, 2003, item 10.3.6.

BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council Meeting held on August 19, 2003, Regional Council approved a request from former Councillor Diana Whalen for staff to review the warrant criteria used for crosswalks within the Halifax Regional Municipality. This interim report regarding the status of that review is in response to that request.

DISCUSSION

Regarding crosswalks within the Halifax Regional Municipality, former Councillor Diana Whalen, District 16, expressed concern that requests for new crosswalks were routinely turned down by the Traffic Authority because of the warrant criteria applied in assessing the merits of such requests. Traffic Services staff has been in contact with other jurisdictions to determine what guidelines are being used across the country. Since there seems to be substantial differences in methodology and philosophy of pedestrian crossing control, staff needs more time to review the various standards and assess the implications of changes to crosswalk warrants on safety as well as budgetary issues.

It is anticipated that a report would be available early in the new year.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

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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