

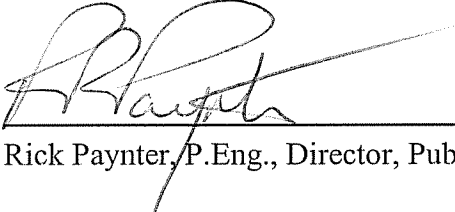
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**December 2, 2003**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Rick Paynter, P.Eng., Director, Public Works & Transportation Services

**DATE:** November 20, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Street Cleaning & Parking Enforcement

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 20, 2003, item 10.3.1 (ii).

### BACKGROUND

At the Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 20, 2003, HRM Council passed a motion as moved by Councillor Fougere, that staff prepare a report regarding the cleanliness of streets and the clarification of no parking signage on designated streets on the Halifax peninsula.

Budget adjustments for the 1998/99 operating budget included a reduction in street sweeping frequency from weekly to biweekly on streets with designated sweeper program parking restrictions on the Halifax peninsula.

A number of streets on the peninsula were signed for overnight parking restrictions for one night a week, some 30 years ago, to address street sweeping requirements in areas of the city experiencing high volumes of on-street parking. This level of on-street parking activity does not provide opportunity for daytime or nighttime street sweeping without parking restrictions in place.

**DISCUSSION**

Based upon complaints received and inspection of street conditions, it appears that a biweekly sweeping schedule on these designated streets is not sufficient to address the build up of on-street material accumulation especially in areas with significant numbers of street trees. In addition, the weekly parking restriction signage, coupled with a biweekly sweeping schedule, leads to client confusion. The no parking signage restricts parking overnight for one night per week. Traffic Services advises that under existing legislation, we are unable to designate biweekly parking restrictions to coincide with the street sweeping schedule.

To address these concerns, Streets & Roads Services implemented a three-month trial program this year (July through Sept), utilizing reallocated resources, to reinstate the weekly sweeping schedule for designated signed routes on peninsula Halifax. The feedback received during the trial period was very positive for the improvement in street cleanliness, as well as, clarification of scheduling and parking restrictions for the affected clients. To this end, staff will be recommending a budget adjustment in the 2004/05 draft operating budget to accommodate resourceing to reinitiate a weekly sweeping frequency on these designated routes.

**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**

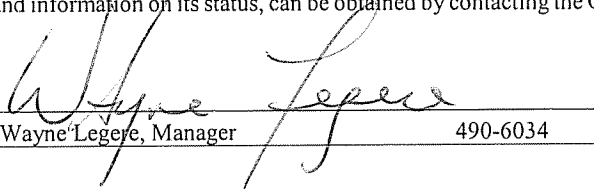
Maintain a biweekly sweeping schedule on assigned routes in the Halifax peninsula area.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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