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Item No. 15.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
September 28, 2021

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: **Original Signed**

Councillor Russell, Chair, North West Community Council

DATE: September 14, 2021

SUBJECT: **Improvements to Lucasville – Hammonds Plains Intersection**

ORIGIN

September 13, 2021 meeting of North West Community Council, Item 13.2.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, Part 1, Section 25(e) provides:

- 25 The powers and duties of a community council include
- ...
- (e) making recommendations to the Council respecting any matter intended to improve conditions in the community including, but not limited to, recommendations respecting
- (i) inadequacies in existing services provided to the community and the manner in which they might be resolved, additional services that might be required and the manner in which the costs of funding these services might be raised, and
 - (ii) the adoption of policies that would allow the people of the community to participate more effectively in the governance of the community;

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the intersection of Hammonds Plains and Lucasville roads to include:

1. recommendations to upgrade the intersection to ease the congestion of both west bound and east bound traffic;
2. appropriately plan for transit in this intersection;
3. increase pedestrian safety in this intersection.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At their September 13, 2021 meeting, North West Community Council received a request for consideration form dated August 30, 2021 from Councillor Lovelace requesting a staff report regarding improvements to the Lucasville – Hammonds Plains Intersection.

The Community Council approved the recommendation as outlined in section 2 of the “Recommendation” portion of this report.

For further information on the background of this item, refer to the request for consideration form dated August 30, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications were identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Meeting held on September 13, 2021 was livestreamed and video recordings are available at Halifax.ca.

The agenda and reports of the North West Community Council are posted on Halifax.ca, and draft minutes of the meeting will be made available on Halifax.ca.

Community Council meetings are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Community Council for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during Public Participation.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives are not outlined.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – A request for consideration form from Councillor Lovelace dated August 30, 2021

If the report is released to the public, a copy can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Request for Council's Consideration	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)
<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor	
<p>Date of NWCC Meeting: September 13, 2021</p> <p>Subject: Improvements to Lucasville – Hammonds Plains Intersection</p>	
<p>Motion for consideration:</p> <p>That North West Community Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to North West Community Council with a report on the intersection of Hammonds Plains and Lucasville roads to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Recommendations to upgrade the intersection to ease the congestion of both west bound and east bound traffic; 2) Appropriately plan for transit in this intersection; 3) Increase pedestrian safety in this intersection; 4) Recommendations on lifting the restrictions of Schedule J to permit new connector roads off Hammonds Plains. <p>Reason: Traffic is often at a standstill during rush hours on Hammonds Plains road and backed up for many kilometers, however, the congestion is now occurring outside the commuter rush hours. The west bound traffic turning right hold up the traffic and the east bound traffic turning left hold up the traffic flow. The future transit route on Lucasville Road will require a more effective intersection.</p> <p>Outcome Sought: A staff report on recommendations to upgrade the Lucasville Hammonds Plains intersection mobility for traffic, transit, and pedestrians.</p>	
<p><i>Councillor Pam Lovelace</i></p>	<p><i>District 13</i></p>