

Request for Council's Consideration		
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<b>Date of Meeting:</b> October 16, 2023		
<b>Subject: Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road</b>		
<b>Motion for Consideration:</b> <p>That North West Community Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to write a staff report outlining and prioritizing the steps needed to initiate the planning and consultation process to develop a Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road. The report should consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1/ impact of "Schedule J" growth restrictions on developing a connected public road network;</li><li>2/ the increase of population and traffic due to large MU as-of-right developments;</li><li>3/ previously promised connections to Margeson Drive, Eider Drive, Lucasville Road;</li><li>4/ lack of power poles and lines for streetlight infrastructure on Hammonds Plains Road;</li><li>5/ need to improve wooden cross-culverts and stormwater infrastructure, including stormwater easements on private property;</li><li>6/ modernizing intersections and installing turn lanes for public transit and traffic flow;</li><li>7/ implementing pedestrian safety infrastructure including crosswalks, safer off-street transit stops, and connecting to Lucasville Greenway Project;</li></ol> <p>and,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>8/ alignment with work already underway to resolve flooding at Bluewater Road and St. Margarets Bay Road, as well as planned upgrades to Halifax Water infrastructure including decommissioning Uplands Park Wastewater Treatment Facility.</li></ol>		
<b>Reason:</b> Now that the municipality owns Hammonds Plains Road (as of July 2022), HRM must develop effective long-term planning for this essential 17 km transportation corridor to move people and goods between Bedford and St. Margarets Bay. A Functional Plan will better connect people to community assets like the community centre, parks, shops and essential services.		

Adopted in 2017, the Integrated Mobility Plan does not mention or contemplate Hammonds Plains Road as a strategic mobility corridor, instead it references it as a “road in a rural context.”

Due to the imposition in 2014 of [Schedule J restricting public road network development](#) in Hammonds Plains and Upper Hammonds Plains, HRM has inadvertently encouraged stand-still vehicle congestion on Hammonds Plains Road for over 6 hours each weekday (little less on weekends) rather than encourage a more effective and connected road network with public transit and active transportation options.

Unplanned and disconnected as-of-right developments are adding many hundreds more housing units, all of which are dependent on personal vehicles without active transportation or public transit plans.

Developing a Functional Plan will strengthen the relationship between land use decisions and transportation needs and appropriately plan for future capital infrastructure.

**Outcome Sought:**

Staff report on steps to initiate the planning and consultation process to develop a Functional Plan for Hammonds Plains Road.

*Moved by*  
Councillor Pam Lovelace

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