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**Re: 500 Block Herring Cove Road Sidewalk request 2017/18 Budget
For public distribution**

I, the undersigned, wish to voice my strong support for the 2017 sidewalk extension on the 500 block of the Herring Cove Road. The bounds of this extension run on the east side of the street from Lynnett Road to 564 Herring Cove Road and on the west side from 505 Herring Cove Road to 581 Herring Cove Road.

As it stands, the area in question is fundamentally under-served by the current pedestrian infrastructure. The shoulder does not meet modern accessibility standards, and is unsuited for use by people of all ages and abilities. In addition, it is a weekly route by which at least three hundred students make a round trip from J.L. Ilsley to the Pathways to Education program, housed at 531 Herring Cove Road. That, combined with the two hundred and seventy-five residents who live in the area immediately served by the proposed sidewalk extension, offer a substantial pool of beneficiaries whose lives would be improved by the project.

This is particularly so in that the neighbourhood has many low-income residents whose primary methods of transportation are not in private cars. Many begin and end every trip by walking. A sidewalk here would be highly appreciated.

Finally, the City of Halifax has identified pedestrian safety through infrastructure as one of its Priority Outcomes for 2017/2018. Building a sidewalk on the 500 Block dovetails exactly with this strategy.

Sincerely,

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