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**Item No. 9.5.2**  
**Transportation Standing Committee**  
**May 28, 2015**

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee

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**SUBMITTED BY:** *for* \_\_\_\_\_  
Ms. Janet Barlow, Chair of Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee

**DATE:** April 27, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Commercial Parking Lot Pedestrian Safety Standards

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## **ORIGIN**

Motion from the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee April 23, 2015 meeting.

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

As outlined in the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, the Committee reports to the Transportation Standing Committee. The mandate of the Committee is "to develop and present input and advice with respect to crosswalks with the objective of improving the safety of pedestrians using crosswalks in HRM."

Part 1, Section 21, "Standing, Special and Advisory Committees" of the HRM Charter.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report examining the development of common commercial parking lot standards and design regulations that address existing and future pedestrian safety issues.

**BACKGROUND**

In reviewing statistics provided by the Halifax Regional Police Department during the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee meeting on March 26, 2015, the Committee noted that 25% of vehicle-pedestrian collisions occurred in parking lots, demonstrating that although these are private properties there are significant public outcomes. They requested a presentation from Planning and Development on current policy provisions addressing crosswalks on commercial parking lots.

**DISCUSSION**

On April 23, 2015, Planning and Development staff delivered a presentation on municipal standards for pedestrian safety in private parking lots. They noted that there were few land use by-laws addressing pedestrian safety issues, and Development Agreement site plans are assessed with varying degrees of emphasis placed on pedestrian safety. The Committee expressed interest in ensuring that pedestrian safety is adequately considered with respect to both new and existing commercial developments and what mechanisms, standards and regulations may be available and/or recommended to impact pedestrian safety in this area.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee is an advisory committee comprised of three elected officials, three citizens, and one representative each of: the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Halifax Regional School Board, post-secondary education, and the police community. Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

No alternatives were provided by the Committee.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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