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Item No. 9.5.2
Transportation Standing Committee
October 22, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Mr. Kelsey Green, Vice-Chair of Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee

DATE: September 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Pedestrian Safety Action Plan 2016/2017

ORIGIN

Motion from the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee at the September 24, 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 forward to staff the following recommended actions for consideration as staff prepare the 2016/2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, in no particular order:

- a) Increased enforcement of crosswalk regulations regarding pedestrians and vehicles,
- b) Continued cooperation between municipal and provincial staff toward increasing non-monetary penalties for crosswalk violations and associated changes to the *Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act.*,
- c) Increased education on crosswalk safety at the school level,
- d) Continued collaboration between Traffic Management staff and Halifax Regional Police to improve data collection methods,
- e) Additional research and experimentation with piloting infrastructure programs,

And for particular emphasis to be placed on increasing awareness with educational activities and increasing adherence through the enforcement of existing regulations.

BACKGROUND

The Making Our Communities Safer – Crosswalk Safety Work Plan was approved by Regional Council on August 5, 2014. Council also provided direction to staff “to continue to assess those action items from the Crosswalk Safety Work Plan, identified in this report as not having been incorporated for implementation in the 2014/2015 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan or other subsequent revisions as appropriate.” Staff provided a response to the Crosswalk Safety Work Plan in the report to the Transportation Standing Committee dated April 25, 2014.

The purpose of the discussion at the September 24, 2015 meeting of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee was to review the work plan and discuss recommendations for staff to consider in the 2016/2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

At the September 24, 2015 meeting of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee, the Committee discussed key actions and outcomes for staff to consider in preparation of the 2016/2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

Following discussion, the Committee identified five key suggestions and an overall focus to be forwarded to the Transportation Standing Committee with a recommendation to forward to staff for consideration during the development of the 2016/2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. The Committee put forward the following recommendation by motion:

THAT the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Standing Committee forward to staff the following recommended actions to consider for inclusion in the 2016/2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, in no particular order:

- a) Increased enforcement of crosswalk regulations regarding pedestrians and vehicles
- b) Continued cooperation between municipal and provincial staff toward increasing non-monetary penalties for crosswalk violations and associated changes to the *Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act*.
- c) Increased education on crosswalk safety at the school level
- d) Continued collaboration between Traffic Management staff and Halifax Regional Police to improve data collection methods
- e) Additional research and experimentation with piloting infrastructure programs,

And for particular emphasis to be placed on increasing awareness through education and adherence through enforcement of existing regulations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan will be contained in staff's 2016/17 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan report to Regional Council.

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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