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Item No. 12.3.3
Transportation Standing Committee
November 26, 2015

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council
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SUBMITTED BY:  _____
Mr. Ben Buckwold, Chair, Active Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: November 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety on Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford

ORIGIN

Motion passed by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee at a meeting on October 15, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 2.1 of the Committee's Terms of Reference – The Committee will provide timely advice to the Transportation Standing Committee on matters relating to budget, infrastructure, education, policy and public awareness.

RECOMMENDATION

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends the Transportation Standing Committee consider requesting a staff report regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety on Rocky Lake Drive and Duke Street, Bedford and explore potential options for mitigation.

BACKGROUND

At the October 15, 2015 Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee heard from Ms. Jayne Hawkins, a Training and Development Coordinator for Dexter Nova Scotia. Dexter Nova Scotia is located on Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford. Ms. Hawkins explained that at a recent meeting of their occupational health and safety committee the issue of pedestrian and cyclist safety along Rocky Lake Road was discussed and Dexter is looking for support and information on ways that it could increase safety in this regard.

DISCUSSION

In its discussion, the Active Transportation Advisory Committee agreed that the roadway was narrow and created a safety concern for cyclists, pedestrians, joggers, and for the students attending the nearby junior high school. The Committee provided Ms. Hawkins with information on the Municipality's 'Share the Road' program. The Committee felt there was merit in asking the Transportation Standing Committee to consider requesting a staff report on the matter, and passed the motion as noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None with this report. Any financial implications associated with this request would have to be identified in a future staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Active Transportation Committee is comprised of four members at large, one representative from the following organizations: Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM, Halifax Regional Trails Association, Halifax Cycling Coalition, Province of Nova Scotia, Bicycle Nova Scotia, Ecology Action Centre Trax program; and three elected officials. Active Transportation Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes can be viewed online at www.Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide Alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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