

Item # 7.4.1

**Transportation Standing Committee
October 2, 2013**

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY:

Original Signed

Barry Dalrymple, Chair, Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee

DATE: July 29, 2013

SUBJECT: Zebra Stripes at Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalks

ORIGIN

A motion of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee at the July 25, 2013 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The Mandate in the Terms of Reference for the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) states:

The CSAC will serve as a forum to develop and present input and advice with respect to crosswalks with the object of improving the safety of pedestrians using crosswalks in Halifax Regional Municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

The Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee recommends that Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the budget implications and options for zebra striping at all uncontrolled crosswalks in Halifax Regional Municipality. Report should include best orientation of stripes, width and best practices for zebra striping and if available, local safety statistics.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Darren Fisher brought forward a motion to request a report from staff on zebra stripes in marked uncontrolled crosswalks, including orientation of stripes, best practices and budget implications as an Added Item at the July 25, 2013 meeting of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION

Committee Members felt that having a report made available would help the Committee when writing its report on Crosswalk Safety and recommendations to Transportation Standing Committee. Staff informed the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee that an information report was presented to Regional Council on March 30, 2010 and that they are unaware of local safety statistics at this time. Staff indicated that they could provide statistics from other regions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications at this time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Crosswalk Safety Committee is made up of stakeholders whose meetings are open to the public. Agenda and minutes of CSAC are available on HRM's website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no Environmental implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

There were no alternatives provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Extract of minutes of CSAC – July 25, 2013

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Extract of Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee Minutes – July 25, 2013

8.1 Motion for Zebra Stripe Report

Discussion ensued on a proposed motion by Councillor Fisher to have a report on the budget implications and options for zebra striping all marked and uncontrolled crosswalks in HRM.

Mr. Stone asked that the report include statistics. Staff informed the members that this would be difficult to include. Staff did indicate that if local statistics are not available, it could be possible to set up trials at certain crosswalks if members decided this is what they want.

MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Mason, that the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee request that the Transportation Standing Committee, request a staff report on the budget implications and options for zebra striping all marked and uncontrolled crosswalks in HRM. The report should include best orientation of stripes, width and best practices for zebra striping marked crosswalks and if available safety statistics. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.