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Item No. 17.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b>
<b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> December 1, 2015		
<b>Subject:</b> construction mitigation		
<b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> Request the CAO: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ensure that the staff report requested by the Transportation Standing Committee meeting of June 25, 2015 regarding construction mitigation is completed and presented to the standing committee meeting of January 26, 2016</li><li>2. Provide a staff report regarding the possible adoption of a policy to require compensation for 'injurious affection' and/or other forms of compensation to businesses affected by longer term closures of streets abutting their locations to the committee and then to Council.</li></ol>		
<b>Reason:</b> There has been a lot of concern about the lengthy street closures and the detrimental impact these closures are having on the small businesses that operate next to construction sites. A staff report originally requested in January and presented in June did not address these concerns adequately. The standing committee is waiting on the supplementary report.  While it is unusual to direct staff regarding work for a standing committee it is the fastest means available to ensure that a firm deadline is provided to staff.  The motion also includes a request for a separate staff report regarding payments for 'injurious affection' and other forms of compensation for businesses affected by longer term closures of streets in front of their operations. Apparently this was done back before amalgamation by the old city of Halifax. It would be useful to know what Council can and cannot consider under the current legal framework.		
<b>Outcome Sought:</b> The report presented in January. A new report outlining possible policy frameworks for addressing detrimental impact of long term street closures on adjacent businesses.		
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