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Item No. 14.2.3
Halifax Regional Council
August 15, 2017

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

DATE: July 28, 2017

SUBJECT: Request for Letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal respecting "Dooring"

ORIGIN

July 27, 2017 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, Item No. 12.2.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference section 4 (g), which states: "The Transportation Standing Committee shall oversee and review of the Municipality's Regional Transportation Plans and initiatives, as follows: providing input and review of road and pedestrian safety".

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council request the Mayor send a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in support of an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act that prohibits people from opening their vehicle doors until it is reasonably safe to do so.

BACKGROUND

A motion from Councillor Cleary pertaining to “Dooring” was before the Transportation Standing Committee for consideration at its meeting held on July 27, 2017.

For further information, please refer to the attached Councillor Request for Consideration form dated July 27, 2017.

DISCUSSION

The Transportation Standing Committee considered the motion from Councillor Cleary at its meeting held on July 27, 2017 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications have been identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risks have been identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Transportation Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Transportation Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Transportation Standing Committee did not discuss alternative recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Councillor Request for Consideration form dated July 27, 2017

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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Attachment 1

Request for Transportation Standing Committee Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agenda Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Meeting: July 27, 2017		
Subject: Request for Letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: "Dooring"		
Motion for Transportation Standing Committee to Consider:		
<p>That the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council request the Mayor send a letter the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in support of an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act that prohibits people from opening their vehicle doors until it is reasonably safe to do so.</p>		
Reason:		
<p>With recent incidents of "dooring," it is time that the Province of Nova Scotia make it an offense for drivers to open their vehicle doors when it is not safe to do so. This past week highlights that need when a resident of Halifax was sent to hospital with broken bones after being doored on Vernon Street.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>The Mayor sending a letter on behalf of Halifax Regional Council to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, showing our support and wishes to join most other provinces and territories in having "dooring" as an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act.</p>		
<i>Councillor Shawn Cleary</i>	<i>District 9 – Halifax West Armdale</i>	