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Transportation Standing Committee
April 28, 2016

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
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DATE: April 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Installation of Side Guards on HRM vehicles

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The Transportation Standing Committee, on March 24, 2016 requested a staff report that:

- a) Assuming all new heavy trucks shall be equipped with sideguards, outlines the annual additional cost required to ensure all trucks are equipped with sideguards by 2022, starting in fiscal 2017/18.
- b) Outline the cost and legal authority of requiring long-term contractors (such as garbage collection and snow removal) to install side guards on all heavy vehicles.
- c) The cost and legal authority of requiring all city-contracted (including hourly/daily jobs) vehicles to be equipped with side guards. And this report shall be returned to the committee at its next scheduled meeting with new alternatives that include this information.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter ("HRM Charter"), subsection 61(3) "The property vested in the Municipality, absolutely or in trust, is under the exclusive management and control of the Council, unless an Act of the Legislature provides otherwise."

HRM Charter, subsection 75(1) "The Municipality may agree with any person for the provision of a service or a capital facility that the Municipality is authorized to provide."

BACKGROUND

At the March 24, 2016 meeting of Transportation Standing Committee a staff report was requested regarding an approach to implement side guards on all heavy vehicles owned and/or contracted by HRM and that this report be submitted to the next scheduled meeting of the committee.

DISCUSSION

Staff is working to gather the required information to include in this report but have been unable to complete this in time for the agenda deadline for the April 28, 2016 meeting. The report will be completed and presented to the next scheduled meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee on May 26, 2016.

The report will present alternative approaches to achieve the implementation of side guards as requested. Consideration is being given to the speed of implementation, cost considerations, and coordination with procurement activities in order to achieve the 2022 completion year identified in Committee's motion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified at this time

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None required at this time

ATTACHMENTS

None

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