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Item No. 15.1

Request for Consideration

☐ **Agenda Item** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)

☐ **Added Item** (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)

☐ **Request from the Floor**

X **Notice of Motion**

Council or Committee: Regional Council

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, Jan 15, 2019

Subject: downtown truck routes

Date of Meeting (Motion): January 29, 2019

Motion for Council to Consider:
That Regional Council request a staff report regarding opportunities and challenges for addressing quality of life concerns for residents living and working along truck routes from Mackay on Barrington, Hollis, Lower Water to the Port of Halifax, including but not limited to improving paving standards, complete street design, signal timing, and time of day restrictions, and including consultation with residents and port stakeholders.

Reason:
Halifax has been successful in bringing new residential development to downtown and Barrington South. As a result, the historic industrial port uses and the resulting truck traffic can conflict with quality of life concerns of residents. Even when fully implemented the Halifax Port Authority plan to reduce truck traffic in downtown will likely still result in 25% of port related truck traffic remaining in downtown. The municipality should consider steps that can be taken to address as much as possible the coexistence of both residential and port uses. Specifically a report should consider:

1. Paving. A lower threshold for patching and repaving should be considered than the normal PCI (Pavement Condition Index). Man hole covers or water main should be kept flush with pavement.
2. Speed limit. Increased police enforcement and possible Hollis/Lower Water as a possible site for a photo radar enforced pilot projects.
3. Traffic lights. One reason that trucks and cars can speed along Hollis Street is that green lights are too long, giving them time to pick up speed and zoom through the lights. Shorten green lights so traffic is forced to stop more frequently and cannot build up speed.
4. Complete street considerations – more trees, street furniture and widened sidewalks where possible will improve the pedestrian experience and narrowing travel lanes will slow vehicles.
5. Time of day restrictions - Some residents complain of trucks making significant noise throughout the night. Time of day restrictions could keep trucks off the road overnight.

Staff should

Outcome Sought:
Staff report with options for Council's consideration.

Councillor Waye Mason Original Signed *District 7*