

Request for Council's Consideration	
<p>X Notice of Motion – April 14, 2020</p> <p>Date of Meeting: April 28, 2020</p> <p>Subject: Lower Water sidewalk improvements</p>	
<p>Motion to for Council to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding costs and opportunities for bringing the sidewalk on Lower Water Street west side between Prince and Sackville to current standards for accessibility.</p> <p>Reason: The sidewalk and AT path changes on Lower Water done as a part of re-instatement in front of the Queen's Marque development have created an opportunity for the municipality to fix the inaccessible sidewalk on the west side sidewalk at Prince and Lower Water into compliance with accessibility guidelines.</p> <p>Many councillors know this corner, where the light standard is placed in the middle of a sidewalk that is no more than 1 m wide, making it impossible to get a wheelchair around the light standard base, or a stroller, and difficult for others with mobility issues.</p> <p>Reducing the vehicle lane to 1 lane between the two historic buildings creates and opportunity for the municipality to widen the sidewalk to 1.8-2.1m standard and remove the light standard.</p> <p>The 40 year old failing brick sidewalk on Lower Water is due to be replaced with brushed white concrete around similar to what has been done Prince and Duke Streets over the last 5 years, allowing some of the potential cost to be born from regular maintenance budgets.</p> <p>Outcome Sought: A report with options and costs to improve state of good repair, remove the light standard, and widen the sidewalk to 2.1 m on the northern end at Prince.</p>	
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