

Request for Transportation Standing Committee		
<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: December 13th, 2023		
Subject: Traffic Islands on Colby Drive		
Motion for Transportation Standing Committee to Consider:		
<i>THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report outlining the options for removal of the traffic islands on Colby Drive, including any draft amendments that might be required to the Traffic Calming Administrative Order (2021-005-OP).</i>		
Reason: In 2019, islands were installed on one portion of Colby Drive as a pilot traffic calming initiative. The islands have not been reproduced in HRM as they were ineffective in lowering the speed of drivers. However, there has been an unintended consequence of the islands in their placement to the residents directly impacted. The islands require that any resident who wishes to have any work done on their property re: repaving the driveway, lawn maintenance, landscaping, or any work involving heavy machinery or trucks, including moving trucks, must pay for traffic control at their own expense. Any vehicle that would block the roadway through one side of an island would require stop and go traffic control for the other side of the island. The island installations have caused an unreasonable hardship for the residents directly impacted while not providing the intended traffic calming result. They also pose safety hazards as residents have reported seeing cars flipped onto yards by clipping the curb of the island and subsequently losing control. It is prudent to look at options to have these islands removed prior to the planned recapitalization of the street which would not be for many years.		
Outcome Sought: Removal of the traffic islands on Colby Drive		
<i>Councillor</i> Trish Purdy	<i>District</i> 4	