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Item No. 12.1.2
Transportation Standing Committee
November 26, 2020

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

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SUBMITTED BY:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 26, 2020

SUBJECT: Review of Report Requests

ORIGIN

Staff report to Transportation Standing Committee to review the list of report requests in accordance with Administrative Order 1, Section 76(2).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 1 Section 76(2) "At the first meeting of the subsequent Council following the swearing into office of the new Members, the status sheet shall be tabled and upon review Council may withdraw any item(s) from the status sheet."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Transportation Standing Committee review the attached list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1, and bring forward any items recommended to be withdrawn.

BACKGROUND

Standing Committees may, by motion, request that a staff report be requested through the Chief Administrative Officer. Prior to September 2014, requests for reports were maintained by the Office of the Municipal Clerk in a tracking document referred to as a “status sheet”. In September 2014, a new corporate tracking tool was launched called “Report Centre;” to allow for centralized tracking, and older requests for reports were added into Report Centre. All new requests for reports are now tracked via this tool.

DISCUSSION

Administrative Order 1, the Procedure of the Council Administrative Order, section 76(2), allows for the review of report requests following a Municipal Election and the Swearing In of a new Mayor and Council.

Transportation Standing Committee may review the requests as outlined in Attachment 1 and advise if any of these items should be withdrawn.

Following the review, any item(s) recommended to be withdrawn will be archived from Report Centre, cancelling the previous request for a staff report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

If subsequent to this review, a member wishes to withdraw a motion which previously approved a request for a staff report, a notice of motion would be required prior to the motion being considered in accordance with Administrative Order 1.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Standing Committee meetings are open to the public

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

Transportation Standing Committee could choose not to review the current lists of requests for staff reports and take no action at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Report Center – Requests for Staff Reports

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

Number	Date of Request	Name	Original Motion / Description	Councillor
1	11/29/2018	Bus Lane and Active Transportation Infrastructure - Spryfield to Urban Core	That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on adding a dedicated bus or high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and active transportation infrastructure (including sidewalks, bike lanes, and/or shared AT greenway) from Spryfield to the Armdale Roundabout and also to Mumford Terminal and to downtown.	Cleary, Shawn
2	1/24/2019	Barrington Street Transit Priority Measures	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report that outlines opportunities and challenges for transit priority measures, including but not limited to transit signals, time of day bus lanes and/or dedicated bus ways in the new Cogswell district on Barrington from Cogswell to the bridge ramp and North Street, in part to support consideration of a possible reconfiguration of the bridge ramp as outlined in the Information Report dated October 9, 2018 re Relocation of Express Buses from Gottingen Street.	Mason, Wayne
3	5/23/2019	Changes to Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to consider an amendment to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference to allow for public consultation and public participation at the discretion of the Advisory Committee	Mason, Wayne
4	5/23/2019	Third Party Docked and Dockless Bike and Scooter Share	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on third party docked and dockless bike and scooter share. The report should indicate what by-law changes might be required, and identify any issues surrounding encroachments, etc.	Cleary, Shawn
5	9/26/2019	Street Art in the Right-of-Way	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on street art that outlines and explains any legal restrictions preventing HRM from considering street art at crosswalks and furthermore, makes recommendations concerning: (1) A trial 3d crosswalk (2) Enabling the use of art in tactical urbanism projects (3) Allowing for art on sidewalks (4) Allowing for placemaking on higher-volume streets	Austin, Sam
6	12/12/2019	Improvements on Devonshire Avenue	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report recommending improvements to Devonshire Avenue for the benefit of all users by applying a "Complete Streets" approach as outlined in the Integrated Mobility Plan, including upgrading the existing bike lanes, improving pedestrian crossings, reducing vehicle speeds and beautifying the neighbourhood.	Mason, Wayne
7	12/12/2019	Policy on Transit Boarding of Children and Staff from Schools Daycares and Preschools	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on developing public-facing policy for Halifax Transit on boarding of children and staff from schools, daycares, and preschools, with input from stakeholders.	Cleary, Shawn

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8	12/12/2019	Rural Pedestrian Realm Program	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding potential to establish a program to improve pedestrian safety in HRM's rural communities. This report shall discuss how actions A71, A81 and A82 within the Integrated Mobility Plan, related to active transportation are being implemented. Specifically, the report should focus on areas of concentrated pedestrian activity, including consideration of services in historically underserved areas, and address how immediate responses to resident concerns can be addressed through tactics including but not limited to paved shoulders, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian islands of refuge, and greenways. The report should also include recommendations on opportunities to present a submission to the Provincial and Federal governments for appropriate funding programs.	Mason, Wayne
9	2/27/2020	Bylaw for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on developing a bylaw for parking and immobilization on private property that analyzes possible licensing; setting reasonable maximum fees; timelines for removal of immobilizing devices; uniforms and identification of employees; appropriate signage on vehicles; signage on property; convenient payments options including cash, debit, credit online and on-site; and other related regulations. Also, the staff report should investigate the possibility of these private parking enforcement companies partnering with the municipality in writing parking tickets on private property similar to Ottawa.	Cleary, Shawn
10	2/27/2020	Winter Maintenance to Walking Paths in Regional Parks	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report that investigates the advantages, disadvantages, and costs of providing winter maintenance to walking paths in all regional parks such as Sir Sandford Fleming Park that do not currently have winter maintenance.	Cleary, Shawn
11	9/17/2020	Crosswalk Flag Program AO - Testing Products and Governance	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff recommendation report that follows up from Council's direction of December 12, 2017 and provides: a. An update regarding the pilot testing of various products to enhance the visibility of crosswalks in HRM; and b. Recommended next steps for the placement and administrative governance of crosswalk flags in HRM	Nicoll, Lorelei
12	9/17/2020	Pedestrian Push Buttons	THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to be completed within 120 days that outlines how, generally, pedestrian push buttons in the regional centre, the predominantly residential Transit Suburb areas of the attached map, and in other appropriate areas throughout HRM can be used to activate audible pedestrian beacons only and be prominently labelled as such with the work to be completed by September 2021.	Mason, Wayne