

Item No. 12.2.2

Request for Transportation Standing Committee's Consideration		
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Date of Meeting: June 20, 2019		
Subject: Proposed Route 91 - Hemlock Ravine		
Motion for Transportation Standing Committee to Consider:		
<p>That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report with recommendations on how to address the documented concerns from the residents and the District Councillor to be completed within 60 days. These concerns relate to existing and anticipated safety, speeding, traffic volume, short cutting, and congestion issues on Oceanview Dr..</p>		
Reason:		
<p>Many District 16 residents and its Councillor are excited by, and supportive of, the expansion of transit service with their community. However, over the last year or so residents and the Councillor have expressed concerns to Halifax Transit and HRM Traffic Services regarding using Oceanview Dr as a transit route. This street is narrow, populated with young families, has sidewalk infrastructure on one side only, has a playground access point, and a busy school access point. Traffic volume and vehicle speeds have increased dramatically since Oceanview Dr was connected to Nine Mile Dr and ultimately to Larry Uteck Blvd. Parking is presently permitted on both sides of Oceanview Dr to reduce speeding, but also causes traffic delays. HRM Traffic Services has approved Oceanview Dr as a candidate for speed and traffic calming and added it to its "waiting list". To date no measures have been implemented. Recently the school access loop from Oceanview Dr to Bedford South School has been closed by the school's administration. This was done against the advice of HRM Traffic Services, thus pushing even more traffic and student drop off/pick up turn congestion onto Oceanview Dr.</p>		
Outcome Sought:		
<p>A staff report to TSC within 60 days with recommendations on how to address the documented concerns from the residents and the District Councillor. These concerns relate to existing and anticipated safety, speeding, traffic volume, short cutting, and congestion issues on Oceanview Dr. Suggested solutions for consideration received from residents and the Councillor include:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rerouting the proposed 91 service off Oceanview Dr.• Delaying the launch of the service until Oceanview Dr has received traffic/speed calming.• The implementation of speed/traffic calming as part of the transit service launch this November.• Delay the service until Moirs Mill Rd is potentially connected to Nine Mile Dr. Moirs Mill Rd is wider, plus its connection to Nine Mile Dr would significantly reduce the traffic volume and short cutting presently seen on Oceanview Dr.		
<i>Councillor Tim Outhit</i>		<i>District 16</i>