



Subject: *Traffic Authority Appointments*
To: Council
Date Prepared: May 26, 2026
Related Motions: C08(545)
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Summary

The NS Municipal Government Act (MGA) Section 311(2) says “The Council may, by policy, appoint a traffic authority for all or part of the municipality”.

Motion C08(545) from December 2008:

“That Council approve that it shall be the policy of the Municipality of East Hants to appoint a Traffic Authority and Deputy Traffic Authority as set out in S/311(2) of the Municipal Government Act. Further, that it shall be the policy of Council that the Chief Administrative Officer shall be responsible for these appointments when appropriate and necessary”.

The Director of Engineering was appointed as the Traffic Authority at that time and subsequently the current Director of Infrastructure & Operations was appointed, by the former CAO, as the Traffic Authority in 2012.

It has since been clarified that Council may not delegate its authority and must make these appointments directly or create a new policy.

As a result, Council is asked to formally appoint Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations as the Traffic Authority and Matt Mahoney, Manager of Roads & Engineering as the alternate Traffic Authority.

Should a change be required, in future, staff would come back to Council for a new appointment approval.

Financial Impact Statement

None

Recommendation

That Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations be appointed as the Traffic Authority for the Municipality of East Hants and Matt Mahoney, Manager of Roads & Engineering be appointed as the Deputy Traffic Authority of the Municipality of East Hants.

Recommended Motion

Move that Council appoints Jesse Hulsman, Director of Infrastructure & Operations as the Traffic Authority for the Municipality of East Hants and Matt Mahoney, Manager of Roads & Engineering as the Deputy Traffic Authority of the Municipality of East Hants.

Alternative

Direct Staff to prepare a new policy.