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## Info Item #3

Transportation Standing Committee  
May 24, 2012

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Peter Stickings, Acting Director, Planning & Infrastructure

**DATE:** May 9, 2012

**SUBJECT:** NSTRIP – Grant Application

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

Call for project proposals for the NS-TRIP fund.

#### BACKGROUND

NS-TRIP (Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program) supports capacity building initiatives intended to generate new and improved public transit services in rural and unserved urban areas of Nova Scotia. It is normally offered every year for feasibility studies, business plan development, and pilot projects.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff has submitted a proposal to NS-TRIP for a pilot project called Sheldrake Lake Bike & Ride. The objective of this project is to encourage more trips to the Sheldrake Lake MetroX facility scheduled to open on August 27, 2012, to travel by bicycle.

To do this we have proposed the following:

- Add signage to mark the connection between the BLT multi-use trail and the Sheldrake Lake facility;
- Install a bike rack and concrete pad at the facility;
- Improve the shoulder of Trunk 3, where appropriate, to facilitate cycling;
- Promote the opening of the facility and the benefits of cycling to it, through a community mailout; and
- Run a contest that rewards customers who travel to the facility by bike.

As proposed, the project would cost \$9,600 with funding outlined below:

NS-TRIP cash grant	\$4200
HRM cash	\$2100
HRM in-kind (student time, staff time, signs, bus pass prizes, etc.)	\$2100
Private sector in-kind (prizes)	<u>\$200</u>
Total	\$9600

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications associated with this report.

If the funding application is unsuccessful, we do not intend to proceed with the project as described, other than the installation of a bike rack at the facility which is already included in the project tender package.

If the funding application is successful, a report will be submitted to Regional Council outlining the implications to Project No. CTU00420 (Active Transportation) and requesting approval to enter into a cost-sharing agreement.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

There has been no community engagement involving this project.

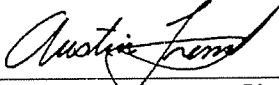
**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments.

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