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**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Paul D. Connors, Chair, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

**DATE:** April 1, 2003

**SUBJECT:** CNIB Bus Passes

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

January 15, 2001 Regional Council meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Council asked the HRM Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, in consultation with the CNIB, for a report recommending a policy that HRM could use with respect to special passes for disabled users of Metro Transit.

**DISCUSSION**

The Committee representatives, Charla Williams, HRM Coordinator, Diversity Programs and myself met with CNIB staff to review the present practice of issuing passes to a small number of their clients who have indicated the need. Following this meeting, HRM's Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities met and identified a number of complexities related to this issue. After lengthy discussions, the Committee concluded a number of issues must be more fully explored before a policy recommendation can be made.

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In order to develop a policy which is fair and equitable for all persons with disabilities, the Committee recommends this matter should be sent back to staff for a full review as to the impact of developing a policy with respect to special passes for disabled users of Metro Transit.

The members of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities will be pleased to participate in a consultative process to assist staff with this review and late review any policy recommendations that are subsequently developed.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Budget implications to be determined.

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

The Committee does not know how this recommendation fits with the financial management policies and business plan.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

none.

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