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Information Item 2
Transportation Standing Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

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SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: March 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Response – Petition for Transit Service on Cornwallis Street

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates from the October 1st, 2014 Transportation Standing Committee meeting. Councillor Watts submitted a petition with 22 signatures requesting a bus route on Cornwallis Street.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 69(1) of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter* provides the legislative authority for the municipality to provide a public transportation service. Section 79(1)(o) provides the authority for Council to expend money required by the municipality for public transportation services.

BACKGROUND

At the October 1st, 2014 Transportation Standing Committee meeting, Councillor Watts submitted a petition containing 22 signatures requesting a bus route on Cornwallis Street. Specifically, the petition requested that a bus stop be placed at the Gordon B Isnor Manor (5565 Cornwallis Street) to provide service to seniors and those with mobility issues. The petition suggested that a Route 1, Route 6, or Route 20 in this location would provide access to the West End Mall or Bayers Road Centre.

DISCUSSION

On February 17th, 2015, Halifax Transit released the draft Moving Forward Together Plan, which includes a proposed transit network. The proposed network does not include a route on Cornwallis Street. However, Halifax Transit is now conducting an extensive community engagement process to collect feedback on the draft network. One of the objectives of this process is to identify gaps in service and travel patterns that are not addressed by the draft plan. Following the current consultation process, Halifax Transit will review and analyze all feedback, including this petition, and will identify the modifications that are achievable and are consistent with the Moving Forward Together Principles. The revised Moving Forward Together Plan is expected to be brought forward for Regional Council's consideration in fall 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report as it is for information only.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Halifax Transit is currently undergoing an extensive community engagement process to gather feedback on the proposed Moving Forward Together Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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