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Item No. 12.4.3
Transportation Standing Committee
April 28, 2016

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Mr. Ben Buckwold, Chair, Active Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: March 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Trans Canada Trail

ORIGIN

Motion passed by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee at its February 18, 2016 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 2.1 of the Committee's Terms of Reference, 'The Committee will provide timely advice to the Transportation Standing Committee on matters relating to budget, infrastructure, education, policy and public awareness.

RECOMMENDATION

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) request the Transportation Standing Committee take steps to enable endorsement of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) request to finish the Trans Canada Trail connection in Halifax by December 2016. ATAC endorses the Shearwater Flyer alignment Option as presented to the February 18, 2016 ATAC meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the February 18, 2016 meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, the Committee received a presentation from representatives of the Trans Canada Trail project. The presenters provided an update on the Trans Canada Trail across Canada and obtained input from the Committee on the Trans Canada Trail connection in HRM. The presentation highlighted the importance of the trail routing through HRM, and it was noted that TCT is seeking HRM support for the routing of approximately 10 km of municipal roads and trails.

DISCUSSION

The Committee considered the presentation and the options outlined in the presentation for connection of the Trans Canada Trail in HRM. The general consensus among the Committee was that the Shearwater Flyer alignment was the best option.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None with this report. Any financial implications associated with this request would have to be identified in a future staff report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Not applicable with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Active Transportation Committee is comprised of four members at large, one representative from the following organizations: Halifax Regional Trails Association, Halifax Cycling Coalition, Province of Nova Scotia, Bicycle Nova Scotia, Ecology Action Centre, Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM; and three Councillors. Active Transportation Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes can be viewed online at www.Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Presentation submitted to Active Transportation Advisory Committee
February 18, 2016 meeting – Trans Canada Trail

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