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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				

#### <u>ORIGIN</u>

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

A copy of this report can be obtained online at http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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# Trans Canada Trail Active Transportation Advisory Committee

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## February 18th 2016





## Our Objective:

- To provide an update on the Trans Canada Trail across Canada and its goals and objectives.
- To garner support in HRM and commitment of effort to connect the Trans Canada Trail by December 2016.
- To obtain this Committee's input and direction on the Trans Canada Trail connection in HRM.



## **Building a National Icon**

- More than just a Trail on the ground: A symbol of nationhood
- Will connect Canadians from coast to coast to coast
- Showcases our majestic landscapes
- Reflects the Canadian journey; charts our history
- Promotes our diverse cultural traditions and heritage
- Tells the story of Canada as it continually unfolds



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## Trans Canada Trail in Atlantic Canada

## **Newfoundland and Labrador** 889 km | 100% complete Prince Edward Island 444 km | 100% complete **New Brunswick** 913 km | 61% complete Nova Scotia 1000 km | 38% complete







## TCT's Provincial Partner in Nova Scotia

## Nova Scotia Trails Federation:

- Nova Scotia Trails was established in 1989 as a non-profit, charitable organization.
- Provide support to trail groups in the development and management of trails.
- Follow a community-development model.



## **Role of NS Trails**

## In relation to Trans Canada Trail, Nova Scotia Trails is tasked with:

- Achieve the Trans Canada Trail connection by December 2016.
- Work with local community trail partners to cultivate sustainable capacity for trail development and trail stewardship.
- Recommend trail projects for Trans Canada Trail funding.





## With Nova Scotia Trails' support, Trail Partners across the Province are currently:

•Building <u>165 km</u> of Trans Canada Trail.

•Ready-to-build more than a dozen water access points to connect <u>over 300 km</u> of Trans Canada Trail water route.







## **Connecting the Gaps**

## **Benefits of Road Cycling Route Connections:**

- Link your community to the Trans Canada Trail
- Fit with Active Transportation objectives
- Connect the Trail users to local amenities
- Encourage Cycling Tourism
- Engage visitors and encourage them to stay longer





## Trans Canada Trail breakdown in HRM

- 57 km of Trans Canada Trail completed
- 4 km of Trans Canada Trail underway
- 58 km to connect in HRM
  - 48.5 km Provincial Roadway
  - Approx. 10 km of Municipal
     roads and existing trails
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- A connected Trans Canada Trail in HRM will be approximately 120 km.

#### HRM Roadway K Heritage to Bisset Bisset to Forest Hills Forest Hills to Lake Aldernay ferry to MacDonald



#### HRM Interim Roadway

4, 1: Forest Hills to Woodlawn
 4, 1: Guysborough to TR 7
 4, 2: Salt Marsh Trail to Portland Lakes
 4, 2: Portland Lakes Trail to Woodside ferry

#### TIR ROADWAY (in HRM)

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by 2017: Waterfront Boardwalk by 2017: Mastodon Trail

#### Spine Operational Land

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- 4 Salt Marsh Trail
- Atlantic View Trail
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#### PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS Pros

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- Residential roads with low traffic volume
- Roads with speeds 50 km or less
- Accommodates cyclists and family groups of cyclists
- · Mostly roads with sidewalks which is good for pedestrians

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- No bike gutters on pedestrian overpass
- No sidewalks between Valleyview and 111

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## Our Request:

- To request that HRM endorse the interim Trans Canada Trail connection and support its implementation through actions such as supporting installation of the TCT roadway wayfinding signage.
- To request that HRM expedite the process to connect the Trans Canada Trail by December 2016.
- To request that HRM prioritize establishing a permanent connection for the Trans Canada Trail.

## Wayfinding Signage Strategy

## To sign the route by December 2016:

- Develop and confirm a HRM signage plan with HRM Staff
- Coordinate with HRM Staff to install signage by December 2016.



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## **ROAD SIGNAGE GUIDELINES**

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#### Proportions

The Trans Canada Trail sign is sized specifically based on x-height (the height of the lower-case "x" at the point-size of the logo's text). The figure

below shows the specific measurements of the logo to help you ensure that signage remains consistent wherever it is used.





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