

To Chair of the Committee, Councilor Reg Rankin:  
CC: Vice-Chair Jennifer Watts, Clerk Jennifer Weagle  
RE: Request for Presentation to Transportation Standing  
Committee: 9/22/2011

Planning & Design Centre and Fusion Halifax have hosted two public sessions (June 28, July 19) and will have hosted the final session (September 7) of the *It's More than Buses* series by the time the Transportation Standing committee meets on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This initiative is working at the grass roots level to advance our region's shift toward a more sustainable transportation system. Each session has had over 100 participants from the public and key stakeholders. Experts from across the country have weighed in on the topic through panel presentations and breakout groups and the public have been inspired from the panelists and contributed their own ideas for how public transit could become more central to the long-term development of the region.

The findings of the three sessions will be synthesized for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and Planning & Design Centre/Fusion Halifax feel it is critical to present and discuss these findings with the Transportation Standing Committee. We feel that a presentation will allow representatives from our group to respond to questions councilors and staff may have. *It's More Than Buses* directly connects to a number of key transportation studies or projects currently being discussed or considered by council and staff. (*Road Network Functional Plan, Bayers Road/Highway 102 Corridor Study*) We feel it is critical that leadership and staff are fully aware of the findings of the *It's More Than Buses* series and welcome the opportunity to share the outcomes and discuss next steps with the Transportation Standing Committee.

Thank you

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