

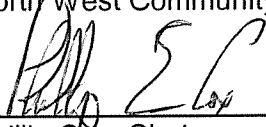
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NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
March 23, 2006

TO: North West Community Council

FROM: 
Phillip Cox, Chair
North West Transit Advisory Committee

DATE: February 15, 2006

SUBJECT: Amendments to the Northwest Transit Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference

ORIGIN

The February 15, 2006 meeting of the Northwest Transit Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

The North West Transit Advisory Committee recommends that the North West Community Council:

1. Approve the amendments to the Northwest Transit Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as outlined in Attachment A and as follows:
 - i) Include the following sentence in Section 1. PURPOSE Subsection 1.1 (page 1): *"Such matters may include vehicle and pedestrian traffic which relate to public transit services. "*
 - ii) Delete from Section 3. MEETINGS Subsection 3.1 (page 1) the words "at least" from the first sentence. The revised sentence will read: *"The Committee shall, except for any summer recess, meet once per month at a time and place to be determined."*
 - iii) Delete the words "Transit Services" from Section 3. MEETINGS Subsection 3.7 (page 2). The revised sentence will read: *"The Committee shall utilize the services of the Department of Transportation and Public Works by requesting same through the Director of Transportation and Public Works of Halifax Regional Municipality."*

BACKGROUND

Recommendation Part i)

Ongoing discussion of transit related issues at the Northwest Transit Advisory Committee has brought forward the reality that transit services are, at times, affected by vehicle and pedestrian issues. Concern for public safety while accessing transit services (commuters waiting at a bus stop, crossing an intersection) has also been raised at the Committee level.

Recommendation Part ii)

The Northwest Transit Advisory Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis for the last few years and would like this reality reflected in the Terms of Reference.

Recommendation Part iii)

The Committee feels that changing the wording from *Transit Services* to the *Department of Transportation and Public Works*, would be more accurate once approval is given for the Committee to be able to comment on transit related pedestrian and traffic issues (such as street/road conditions / location of bus stops/shelters etc.).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment "A" Revised Terms of Reference for the Northwest Transit Advisory Committee.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210 or fax at 490-4208 or Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant at 490-6732.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

TERMS OF REFERENCE**NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE****Amended: November 25, 2004****1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the North West Transit Advisory Committee (hereafter referred to as "the Committee") is to act as an Advisory Committee to the North West Community Council on matters involving public transit services provided by the Halifax Regional Municipality. Such matters may include vehicle and pedestrian traffic which relate to public transit services.

2. COMPOSITION

- 2.1 The Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of eight (8) members, of which one (1) shall be a member of North West Community Council and one (1) staff member from the Transportation and Public Works, Transit Services as a non-voting member to be in attendance as required.
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3. MEETINGS

- 3.1 The Committee shall, except for any summer recess, meet at once a month at a time and place to be determined. Meetings shall be rotated throughout the North West Region. Additional meetings may be held as required or called by the Chair.
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3.3 If the Chairperson determines that a quorum will not be present for any meeting to be held as provided in subsection 3.1 of this section, he/she may name another day for the holding of such meeting or may cancel same.

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ON MAY 29, 1997

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