

**Item No. 4**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 9, 2010**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed by Director  
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Ken Reashor, P. Eng., Director of Transportation and Public Works

**DATE:** October 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Response – Petition to Maintain Route 88 Duke Schedule  
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**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Petition submitted to Regional Council by Councillor Bob Harvey on September 14, 2010.

**BACKGROUND**

Route 88 Duke was implemented March 12, 2007 to provide transit service to the Bedford Commons development on Damascus Road.

On May 25, 2010 Halifax Regional Council approved Metro Transit's 2010-11 Annual Service Plan, including staff recommended service efficiencies. The approved service efficiencies included Route 88 Duke.

Service efficiencies represent service where ridership does not meet the approved service standards, or where service is deemed to be redundant. In some cases the adjustments were proposed to improve the performance of the routes in order to meet the service standards.

Service standards were approved by Halifax Regional Council as part of the Five-Year Strategic Operations Plan. Service standards are intended to build upon the strong foundation established within today's transit system, and to take Metro Transit to the next level in terms of ridership, mode share, service guidelines and performance measurement of customer satisfaction.

**DISCUSSION**

Route 88 will receive a service and schedule adjustment effective Monday, November 22, 2010. Route 88 will no longer provide service between the Sackville Terminal and Cobequid Terminal, and will only provide service between the Cobequid Terminal and Bedford Commons. Schedule adjustments include the following:

Route 88 – Weekday

- 30 minute peak hours frequency
- 120 minute off peak hours frequency
- Last trip departing Bedford Commons at 10:45pm

Route 88 – Saturday

- 60 minute all day frequency
- Last trip departing Bedford Commons at 10:19pm

Route 88 – Sunday

- 60 minutes all day frequency
- Last trip departing Bedford Commons at 9:20pm

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications with this report.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

N/A – May 25, 2010 Halifax Regional Council approved Metro Transit's 2010-11 Annual Service Plan, including staff recommended service efficiencies. The approved service efficiencies included Route 88 Duke.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A – Route 88 Weekday, Saturday & Sunday schedule.

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## Route 88 Duke - Schedule effective November 22,2010

To Bedford Common		To Cobequid	
Leave Cobequid Terminal	Arrive Bedford Common	Leave Bedford Common	Arrive Cobequid Terminal
<b>Monday to Friday</b>			
706a	715a	715a	724a
736a	745a	745a	754a
806a	815a	815a	824a
836a	845a	845a	854a
906a	915a	915a	924a
936a	945a	945a	954a
1136a	1145a	1145a	1154a
136p	145p	145p	154p
336p	345p	345p	354p
436p	445p	445p	454p
506p	515p	515p	524p
536p	545p	545p	554p
606p	615p	615p	624p
636p	645p	645p	654p
836p	845p	845p	854p
1036p	1045p	1045p	1054p

To Bedford Common		To Cobequid	
Leave Cobequid Terminal	Arrive Bedford Common	Leave Bedford Common	Arrive Cobequid Terminal
<b>Saturdays</b>			
708a	717a	719a	728a
808a	817a	819a	828a
908a	917a	919a	928a
1008a	1017a	1019a	1028a
<i>...and every 60 minutes until</i>			
808p	817p	819p	828p
908p	917p	919p	928p
1008p	1017p	1019p	1028p
<b>Sundays and Holidays</b>			
710a	719a	720a	729a
810a	819a	820a	829a
910a	919a	920a	929a
<i>...and every 60 minutes until</i>			
710p	719p	720p	729p
810p	819p	820p	829p
910p	919p	920p	929p