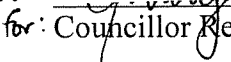




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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
for:  Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

DATE: March 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference

ORIGIN

January 27 and February 28, 2011 Transportation Standing Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Standing Committee recommends Halifax Regional Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Transportation Standing Committee as outlined in Attachment 1 of this report.

BACKGROUND

On November 30, 2010, Halifax Regional Council approved the formation of six Standing Committees of Council. The draft Terms of Reference for the Transportation Standing Committee was before the Committee at their first meeting held on January 27, 2011.

DISCUSSION

The Committee considered the draft Terms of Reference at their January 27th and February 28th meetings. The Terms of Reference were approved without changes by a motion at their February 28th meeting.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None

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

None as this is a Standing Committee of the Halifax Regional Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment "A" Terms of Reference – Transportation Standing Committee

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment "A"

Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference

1. Objective

The principle objective of the Standing Committee on Transportation is to act as a forum for consolidating information and direction on the Regional Transportation initiatives and to provide a forum for Council to address a community, government and industry interests in Regional Transportation issues including but not exclusive to:

- Regional Transportation policy, infrastructure objective and priorities including oversight of the Transportation outcome Areas and functional plans
- Transportation Demand management strategies, polices and traffic calming and mitigation and safety
- Metro Transit strategic plans and directions
- Active Transportation initiatives and infrastructure
- Liaison with agencies, boards and committees that support the objective of the Standing Committee mandate including but not exclusive to the Bridge Commission, Transit Advisory Committee, CUTA and other municipal, provincial or federal bodies involved in Transportation related initiatives.

2. Composition

Up to eight (8) members of Regional Council – one (1) appointed from each Community Council and two (2) at-large appointments

Term: two years

Chair & Vice-Chair: Elected by the members annually in November

Community Council Appointments	Members at-large	Ex Officio
Marine Drive, Valley & Canal Community Council Member Harbour East Community Council Member Chebucto Community Council Member North West Community Council Member Western Region Community Council Member Peninsula Community Council Member	At Large Member At Large Member	Mayor

3. Duties and Responsibilities

3.1 Oversight and review of HRM's Regional Transportation Plans & initiatives

3.1.1 Oversight of HRM's Regional Transportation Objectives and Transportation Outcome Areas

3.1.2 Oversight and review of Regional Transportation policies, bylaws and functional plans

3.1.3 Input into the Regions transportation funding strategies such as infrastructure funding, Gateway initiatives and approaches to Capital Cost Contribution

3.1.4 Input and review of the Transportation Road network strategies and related Regional initiatives.

3.1.5 Oversight of HRM's Regional Parking Strategy and other parking related initiatives flowing from the strategy

3.1.6 Coordinate with the Community Planning & Economic Development Standing Committees of Council in regard to reviews and initiatives under the Regional Plan in matters related to Regional Transportation

3.2 Coordination of priorities and initiatives related to:

3.2.1 Promoting and enabling Public Safety campaigns and Outcomes that promote safety

3.2.2 Policy direction related to neighbourhood transportation initiatives for traffic calming and mitigation

3.2.3 Input and review of the Streets By-law as it relates to approaches to routing, right-of-way management, accessibility and management of priorities for uses

3.2.4 Oversight of HRM's transportation demand management strategies

3.3 Oversight and input into Transit's strategic plans and directions

3.3.1 Review and oversight over policy direction and long term funding approach to promote and encourage Transit alternatives as outlined in the Regional Plan

3.3.2 Review and oversight of specific strategic planning directions related to Transit Services coming from the Regional Plan; including but not exclusive to the Five year strategic plan; Accessibility Plan; Ferry Plan etc.

3.3.3 Promote and enable positive communication between communities, ridership, and Council and Transit services to enable and support the Regional Transit service to the communities of HRM

3.4 Oversight and input into HRM's Active Transportation Initiatives and related Infrastructure

3.4.1 Promote and encourage the work of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and/or other related bodies that service to promote Active Transportation throughout HRM

3.4.2 Promote and encourage HRM's Active Transportation corridor initiatives which support the overall Transportation Strategy as outlined in the Regional Plan

3.4.2 Promote and encourage coordination of construction and initiatives that serve to support the development of Active Transportation initiatives throughout HRM in the most cost effective manner possible.

3.4 Liaison with Agencies & Initiatives related to Transportation in HRM to

3.4.1 Promote and encourage the development of integrated programs, policies and initiatives in HRM that support HRM's transportation goals and outcomes

3.4.2 Take an active interest in the agencies, boards and commissions funded by HRM in the areas of Transportation to ensure they continue to meet community needs & expectations.

3.4.2 Recommend to Regional Council HRM's appointments and vet service agreements of the agencies, boards and commissions under the mandate of the Standing Committee.

3.4.3. Other related activities in the area of Transportation in HRM as identified by the Standing Committee and approved by Regional Council

3.5 Other matters as may be determined by Regional Council

4. Administration & Procedures

4.1 The Transportation Standing Committee shall meet no less than four (4) times annually, preferably monthly, or as determined by the Committee

4.2 Administrative and the meeting procedures shall be in accordance with Administrative Order 1 of the Municipality.

5. Staff Liaison

Management support and liaison shall be through the office of the Director of Transportation and Public Works

6. Standing and Advisory Committees

Active Transportation Advisory Committee	Advisory	Recommend approach and/or members to Regional Council
Accessibility Advisory Committee (<i>formerly Person's with disabilities</i>)	Advisory	Recommend approach and/or members to Regional Council
Taxi & Limousine Advisory	Current advisory	Recommend approach and/or members to Regional Council
Bridge Commission	<i>Liaison only</i>	Recommend HRM appointments to Regional Council
Others as identified by the Standing Committee	<i>Liaison</i>	