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

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by Director

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DATE: July 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Active Transportation Corridors

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of May 3, 2011, item 10.4.1

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of May 3, 2011, Regional Council discussed a report from the Transportation Standing Committee related to increasing investment in active transportation. Regional Council passed a motion that “in the context of the wider mandate of the transportation capital budget envelope, a staff report relative to the inclusion by the Project Steering Committee of the construction of major high priority Active Transportation corridors as identified in the HRM Active Transportation Plan in the capital budget commitments over the next five year, and with public consultation.”

DISCUSSION

The Active Transportation Plan, adopted in principle by Regional Council in 2006, was intended to be reviewed every five years. HRM staff intends to undertake this plan review this coming Fall. The review will include the following tasks:

- Review projects completed since 2006 with a focus on cost and utilization
- Reassess the viability of the 25-year plan
- Develop a hierarchy of corridors by purpose and function and establish criteria related to design, regulation, and maintenance
- Establish a five-year project priority plan
- Develop a mechanism to create bicycle parking and better integrate active transportation with public transit

The process will be undertaken in conjunction with the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and include a significant public input process.

Staff believes the process described above addresses the issues raised by Regional Council in its discussion of the Transportation Standing Committee report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The review of the Active Transportation Plan will be undertaken internally and as a planned activity for the 2011-12 budget year, there are no budget implications. Any changes to the Active Transportation Project Budget that may be recommended through this review will be evaluated through the normal budgeting process and council debate.

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

Community engagement will be undertaken as part of the Active Transportation Plan review.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.

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