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**Item No. 4**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**December 18, 2013**

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

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Eddie Robar, Director of Metro Transit

**DATE:** December 9, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Proposed 2014/2015 Metro Transit Budget and Business Plan

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### **ORIGIN**

At the October 22, 2013 Committee of the Whole, Council directed staff to present the 2014/15 draft Business Unit Budget and Business Plans to the Committee of the Whole for review and discussion prior to consideration by Regional Council.

### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Halifax Charter, section 35 (1) The Chief Administrative Officer shall (b) ensure that an annual budget is prepared and submitted to the Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee of the Whole direct staff to proceed to prepare the 2014/2015 Metro Transit Budget and Business Plan as proposed in the accompanying presentation, incorporating additional direction provided by motion of Committee of the Whole for inclusion in the proposed HRM 14/15 Budget and Business Plan documents.

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of the design of the 2014-2015 Budget and Business Plan development process, the Committee of the Whole is reviewing each Business Unit's high level budget and proposed plans in advance of detailed HRM Budget and Business Plan preparation.

At the November 19, 2013 Committee of the Whole Regional Council considered and confirmed their Strategic Priority Outcomes and directed staff to: "develop the 2014/15 Budget and Business Plans in support of these priorities."

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff has prepared the proposed 14/15 Budget consistent with the preliminary fiscal direction received from Council on October 22, 2013 and aligned with Council Priorities as directed on November 19, 2013.

Following direction from the Committee of the Whole, staff will proceed to prepare the detailed Budget and Business Plan for inclusion in the proposed HRM 2014/15 Budget and Business Plan documents to be presented to Council, as per the process and schedule endorsed by Regional Council on October 22, 2013.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The recommendations in this report will lead to the development of a proposed budget for 2014-15. There are no immediate financial implications from these recommendations. The broader financial implications will be discussed and debated as the budget is developed in more detail.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

None are specifically associated with this report.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The Committee of the Whole can choose to amend the Budget and Business Plan as proposed in the accompanying presentation through specific motion, and direct staff to proceed to prepare the Budget and Business Plan for inclusion in the proposed HRM Budget and Business Plan documents.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Metro Transit 2014 – 2015 Budget and Business Plan Presentation

**Metro Transit**  
**Proposed 2014/2015 Metro Transit Budget and Business Plan**  
**Committee of the Whole**

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