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Item No. 11.3.3
Halifax Regional Council
June 16, 2015

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council
SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee
DATE: May 29, 2015
SUBJECT: Amendment to ATAC Terms of Reference – Committee Composition

ORIGIN

Item 9.4.2, May 28, 2015 Transportation Standing Committee

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 21(2), Halifax Regional Municipality Charter states that "Each [standing] committee shall perform the duties conferred on it by this Act, any other Act of the Legislature or the by-laws or policies of the Municipality."

Section 14, Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference outlines its role regarding liaison to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council amend the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)'s Terms of Reference to include a representative of Walk 'n Roll HFX in the Committee membership.

BACKGROUND

At the May 28, 2015 meeting, the Transportation Standing Committee received a report from the Chair and members of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) dated April 22, 2015. The Transportation Standing Committee passed a motion to approve the recommendation before them, forwarding the request to Halifax Regional Council.

DISCUSSION

Discussion is provided in the Active Transportation Advisory Committee report dated April 22, 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Transportation Standing Committee is comprised of six elected members of Regional Council. Meetings are held on a monthly basis and are open to the public (unless otherwise indicated). Agendas, reports and minutes are available on the Halifax website.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives were provided.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Active Transportation Advisory Committee Report dated April 22, 2015.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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Attachment 1

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Item No. 9.4.2
Transportation Standing Committee
May 28, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee
Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY: Ben Buckwold, Chair, Active Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: April 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Amendment to Terms of Reference – Committee Composition

ORIGIN

Motion by the Active Transportation Standing Committee at a meeting held on April 16, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 15.1 of the Committee's Terms of Reference – "The Committee may from time to time recommend to the Transportation Standing Committee the amendment of these Terms of Reference following an appropriately voted resolution."

RECOMMENDATION

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) recommends the Transportation Standing Committee request Halifax Regional Council amend ATAC's Terms of Reference to include a representative of Walk 'n Roll HFX in the Committee membership.

BACKGROUND

This matter was brought forward by a member of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee at a meeting held on April 16, 2015.

DISCUSSION

The Committee was advised that a new pedestrian advocacy group has been formed in HRM called, Walk 'n Roll HFX. The group's vision is that *'Any route a pedestrian takes is safe, comfortable and interesting'*. The group's focus is on areas of accessibility, urban design, health and well-being, as well as safety and maintenance, ensuring sidewalks are comfortable and interesting to look at. Walk 'n Roll HFX is created to give more voice to the pedestrian perspective when it comes to decision-making around policy and building regulations, street infrastructure and transit design. The Committee passed a motion as noted in the above recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Active Transportation Committee is comprised of four members at large, one representative from the following organizations: Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM, Halifax Regional Trails Association, Halifax Cycling Coalition, Province of Nova Scotia, Bicycle Nova Scotia, Ecology Action Centre Trax program; and three elected officials. Active Transportation Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes can be viewed online at www.Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

ALTERNATIVES

The Committee did not provide alternatives

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