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

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: December 16, 2005

SUBJECT: **Petition - Transit Service Woodside Dartmouth**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting December 6, 2005, item 8.2.3.

BACKGROUND

At the December 6, 2005 HRM Council Meeting, Councillor Kent submitted a petition requesting transit service be extended from Franklyn Street to the Bonnie Brae Trailer Park in Woodside. The Councillor requested Route 63 Woodside be extended from Franklyn Street to the Bonnie Brae Park. Route 63 Woodside provides peak service from Woodside to the Bridge Terminal in the morning and return trips to Woodside in the afternoon. Bonnie Brae Park is located near the end of Everette Street in Woodside.

DISCUSSION

Metro Transit walk distance service standards state that ninety percent (90%) of residents living in areas served by Transit should be within 500 metres of local transit service and 1,000 metres of “core service”. The local and core service in Woodside is provided by Route 60 Eastern Passage on Pleasant Street. The walk distance standards recognize that some areas cannot be effectively served because of the lack of continuous development, limited subdivision access, development density, etc.

In Woodside, the Route 63 Woodside provides added peak access on Everette Street. Because extending service further on Everette Street is not required to meet Metro Transit’s walk distance service standards, staff do not support any change to the Route 63 Woodside to extend service closer to the Bonnie Brae Park.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact to the annual Budgeting and Business Planning processes.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

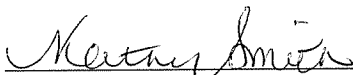
This report complies with the Municipality’s Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.htm> 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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