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

SUBMITTED BY: Sheila K. Fougere
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Chair, Bikeways Task Force

DATE: December 5, 2002

SUBJECT: Cycling Master Plan

ORIGIN

A motion passed by the Bikeways Task Force at a joint meeting of the HRM Bike Plan Steering Committee and the HRM Bikeways Task Force on November 20, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

(i) The Bikeways Task Force recommends to Regional Council that the plan attached to the Staff Report be adopted in principal as the official Bicycle Plan for HRM;

and

(ii) That all relevant HRM departments be provided with a copy of the document so that processes can be put in place for it to be incorporated over the near and long term as part of policy development and the business planning process.

BACKGROUND

The Bikeways Task Force was established by a motion of Council on August 17, 1999 with the mandate of preparing and presenting to Regional Council a comprehensive Cycling Transportation Network Strategy for Halifax Regional Municipality. With representative membership from Council, staff and the public, the Task Force has worked toward this aim since that time.

On May 24, 2002 a motion of the Bikeways Task Force was passed to develop a terms of reference and issue an RFP for qualified companies to prepare a cycling Master Plan.

On May 28, 2002 Council awarded the tender to EDM Consultants to carry out this work.

DISCUSSION

The Cycling Master Plan will guide the future development of bicycling facilities and policies to encourage bicycling as a transportation mode in HRM over the next 25 years, with the acknowledgment that it will be periodically updated and reviewed.

The document attached to the Staff Report is the result of that work and the culmination of several months of public consultation and study surrounding cycling issues, policy and infrastructure. It provides for an interdepartmental, integrated approach to developing plans and policy for cycling transportation within HRM. This plan is intended to form part of the Regional Planning Exercise.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Although there are no immediate cost implications to adopting the Cycling Master Plan, it will have future budget implications that will be the result of incorporation into the HRM Business Planning and Budget processes.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This plan will be reviewed departmentally for its compliance to the above policies as it becomes incorporated into the Business Planning and Budget Planning processes.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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