

Request for Council's Consideration

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Date of Council Meeting: March 28, 2017

Subject: CUTA Resolution to Pursue Pan-Canadian Harmonization Of Electric Bus Charging Technology, To Reduce Procurement Costs, Improve Performance And Increase Adoption Rates Of Electric-Bus Technology

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Regional Council endorse the Canadian Urban Transit Association's (CUTA) resolution:

Whereas Halifax Regional Municipality has an interest in pursuing alternative propulsion technologies for Halifax Transit buses;

Whereas a consensus is forming across Canada on the need to reduce GHG emissions through new technologies;

Whereas emissions from the transportation are the second highest sector within Canada;

Whereas Canadian transit manufacturers are currently researching, developing and deploying new electric transit technologies that will offer significant emissions reductions;

Whereas costs for these new technologies are still out of reach for many Canadian municipalities, due in part to their slow rate of adoption across Canada;

Whereas a leading factor in the slow adoption of electric transit technologies is the lack of technological harmonization across municipalities and between transit manufacturers.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL:

Declare that it will pursue a coherent and sustained procurement process with regards to electric bus charging technologies that is harmonized with other municipalities across Canada.

Request other municipalities join in this harmonization, with the goal of more quickly commercializing electric transit technologies, increasing their adoption and reducing urban GHG emissions in the transportation sector.

Urge transit manufacturers to create a Canadian standard.

Reason:

The Canadian Urban Transit Association's request that Halifax Regional Council pursue alternative propulsion technologies for Halifax Transit buses.

Outcome Sought:

Regional Council endorsement of CUTA Resolution.

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