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Item No. 12.3.1
Transportation Standing Committee
December 7, 2016

TO: Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY:

Ben Buckwold, Chair, Active Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: November 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Brunswick Street as a Candidate Bike Route

ORIGIN

Motion passed by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee at a meeting held on November 17, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Mandate of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee – ‘To advise the Transportation Standing Committee on all matters relating to active transportation in Halifax Regional Municipality, using the Active Transportation Plan as a guide.

RECOMMENDATION

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on consideration of including Brunswick Street, from North Street to Cogswell Street as a candidate bike route in the 2014 Active Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND

At the November 17, 2016 meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee the Committee received a presentation on the MacDonald Bridge Bikeway Access Project.

DISCUSSION

During the Committee's discussion it was noted that Brunswick Street is not in the 2014 Active Transportation Plan as a Bikeway. Staff indicated Brunswick Street has qualities that make it worth considering as a candidate bikeway. In light of the information provided in the presentation, it was suggested that consideration be given to designating Brunswick Street, specifically, from North to Cogswell Streets, as a candidate bike route within the AT Priorities Plan. The Committee passed a motion in this regard, as noted above.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications have not been identified. Any financial implications associated with this request would have to be identified in a future staff report.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk considerations have not been identified. Any risk considerations associated with this request would have to be identified in a future staff report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Active Transportation Committee is comprised of four members at large, one representative from the following organizations: Halifax Regional Trails Association, Halifax Cycling Coalition, Province of Nova Scotia, Bicycle Nova Scotia, Ecology Action Centre, Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM; and three Councillors. 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

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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