

### Request for Regional Council Consideration

**Agenda Item**

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least 5 working days prior to the meeting)

**Added Item**

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon at least one day prior to meeting)

**Request from the Floor**

**Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**Subject: Add Lucasville Road to Halifax Transit Urban Service Boundary**

#### Motion for Regional Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on adding Lucasville Road to the Halifax Transit Urban Service Boundary for reasons outlined in the letter dated September 10, 2018 from the Cobequid Community Health Board (CCHB) and reasons noted below including repeated requests from residents of the Lucasville Road area. The report is to include options for transit service along Lucasville Road such as connecting to transit service along Sackville Drive (Route 83 Springfield) and Hammonds Plains Road (Route 433 Tantallon and Route 330 Tantallon/Shell Drake Lake) and/or to the Sackville Transit Terminal and consideration of Conventional, Metro Link, Metro X (or a variation of) transit service options.

#### Reason:

- Lucasville Road has been added to HRM's Active Transportation Plan.
- A new community-led project; Lucasville Greenway Walking/Biking Trail, that fits with the objectives of the Halifax Greenway Network, Integrated Mobility Plan and our Active Transportation goals. The trail would benefit residents of all ages and mobility levels by providing a safe transportation route and may provide accessible access to transit service along the Lucasville Road.
- The Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) includes the Margeson Drive extension to Lucasville Road (Middle Sackville Connector). This road connection is intended to provide a more direct connection for residents in the Hammonds Plains – Lucasville areas to Highway 101, as well as a link to a proposed Halifax Transit Park & Ride facility at the Highway 101 interchange. In addition to reducing congestion on Hammonds Plains Road, this connection was considered a key opportunity to improve access to transit for the Middle Sackville area, an Urban Local growth centre that presently has a low non-private vehicle mode share.
- The Moving Forward Together plan is *"to improve the overall attractiveness of the Halifax Transit network, improve the experience for existing users and make transit more competitive with private vehicles. In the longer term, implementation of the Plan will consist of balancing investments in service quality and reliability with the **introduction of new services**, both in developing areas, and within the existing network."*

## Lucasville Road Add to Service Boundary

- 2 -

- The area is underserved by public transportation. Due to not being on a conventional transit route, the area has limited access to Access-a-bus service. Lack of public transportation alienates some residents from obtaining services due to narrow road shoulders and lack of sidewalks and the requirement to have their own vehicle.

### **Outcome Sought:**

A staff report outlining addition of the Lucasville Road area into the Halifax Transit Urban Service Boundary and options for transit service along Lucasville Road to connect to existing Halifax Transit routes on Sackville Drive and Hammonds Plains Road and / or to the Sackville Transit Terminal.

*Councillor  
Lisa Blackburn*

*District 14  
Middle/Upper Sackville - Beaver Bank -  
Lucasville*

## Lucasville Road Add to Service Boundary

- 3 -

---

Cobequid Community  
40 Freer Lane  
Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia  
B4C OA2

To: Lisa Blackburn  
District 14 Councillor  
Middle/Upper Sackville, Beaver Bank, Lucasville

September 10, 2018

Re: Letter of Support for Urban Service Boundary Review - Metro Transit

The Cobequid Community Health Board, (CCHB), works with community to identify community health needs specifically related to the social determinants of health. Once these needs are identified the CCHB will work with community to find solutions to their health needs. Since our engagement with the Lucasville community began in the spring of 2017 it has become increasingly apparent that in terms of public transportation this community is underserved. There is no Metro Transit route that services Lucasville Road and very limited Access-a-Bus service. Residents require their own vehicle or rely on friends/family for drives to medical appointments, groceries and other needs that take them outside of their community.

When completing the 2017 Central Zone Community Health Plan it was clear that transportation is an interwoven factor in many choices that individuals and families make every day about their health. Through working with the Lucasville community and associated stakeholders, (area Councillor Lisa Blackburn, MLA. Ben Jessome), it became clear that one barrier to accessing public transportation in Lucasville is the urban service boundary. Many bus routes exist near the community but no route travels through the community. By expanding the urban service boundary to include Lucasville Road and thus offering public bus service this would give residents of Lucasville the option to connect to other bus routes thus enabling them to access more services.

The Lucasville community and greater community would benefit immensely from the extension of the urban service boundary to include Lucasville Road. The Cobequid community Health Board is pleased to support the efforts to extend the boundary.

Sincerely

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Lonta Bruneau  
Co-Chair  
Cobequid CHB

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Madeleine Dillon  
Co-Chair  
Cobequid CHB