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## Item No. 17.2

### Request for Regional Council's Consideration

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**Date of Regional Council Meeting: February 12, 2019**

**Subject: Rural Transit Funding Program – Funding Deficit**

#### **Motion for Regional Council to Consider:**

**That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to consider:**

- 1. Increasing the 2018/19 Rural Transit Funding Program to pay out the approved \$0.43 per in-service kilometer for the remainder of the 2018/19 year;**
- 2. Increase the 2018/19 Rural Transit Funding Program rate to \$0.50 per in-service kilometer effective April 1, 2018; and**
- 3. Identify the cost and funding source for both options;**

**and report back to Regional Council.**

#### **Reason:**

If the Rural Transit agencies don't get their allotted funding and projected operational costs, they will have to suspend half of their activities which means that staffing will be curtailed, some vehicles grounded and many clients will not get any service for employment and medical appointments and any Provincial C-TAP Funds don't get released until mid summer.

This is a time sensitive issue and following the usual Audit & Finance report process may not allow sufficient time before suspension in service.

**Outcome Sought:**

That Regional Council support the motion for a staff report to identify the cost and funding source for both options and report back to Council in a timely manner to prevent suspension in rural transit service.

*Councillor David Hendsbee*

*District 2*