

Request for Consideration			
<input type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)	X	Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Motion
Date of Council Meeting: October 22, 2019			
Subject: Free Transit on Election Days			
<p>Motion for Council to Consider: Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on the possibility of providing free public transit on Municipal, Provincial, and Federal election days. Starting from the time polling stations open, ending at the scheduled time polling stations close. The staff report should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial and service impacts on Halifax Transit • Potential partnerships with the Provincial and Federal government or other stakeholders; including non-profits, community groups, etc. • Jurisdictional scan of other municipalities that have offered free public transit on election days • The potential of HRM creating a "how to get to your polling station" campaign for Halifax Transit. 			
<p>Reason: Understanding that during election day transportation is one of the barriers that deter residents from casting their vote. It is important that Governments do all that they can to encourage residents to vote. Providing free transit on election days could be a way to increase voter turnout. Understanding that there is a financial impact on the Municipality, it is important that we have a proper analysis for this issue.</p>			
<p>Outcome Sought: Free Transit during Municipal, Provincial, and Federal elections from open to close of polling stations</p>			
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