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**Item No. 12.2.1**  
**Executive Standing Committee**  
**January 27, 2020**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of the Executive Standing Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed  
Julia Bremner, Chair, Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM

**DATE:** January 21, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Inclusion on Ride Share Discussions

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**ORIGIN**

January 20, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM, Item No. 15.1.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, respecting the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality section 6 (b):

Duties of the Committee

6. The Committee shall advise Council, through the Executive Standing Committee, on matters related to persons with disabilities as follows:

- (a) review and monitor existing and proposed Municipal by-laws to promote full participation of persons with disabilities;
- (b) identify and advise on the accessibility of existing and proposed municipal services and facilities.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility recommends that the Executive Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council direct that the Advisory Committee on Accessibility be consulted in ride share discussions with the Province and transportation network companies.

**BACKGROUND**

At the January 20, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM, it was noted that integrated mobility alternative business models that include accessible, on-demand, pre-booked transportation services solution through mobile, desktop and kiosk applications, such as had been presented to the Committee by MUVE Inclusive Technology Solutions in June, 2019, could not be introduced into the Municipality until the Municipality had concluded the vehicle for hire licensing program review currently underway.

**DISCUSSION**

The Committee noted the importance of fast tracking the accessible transportation services solution to enhance mobility options in the Municipality for persons with disabilities.

The Committee also noted the importance of having the Committee contribute to discussions on the licensing program review and approved a motion to request for the Advisory Committee on Accessibility to be included in ride share discussions with the Province and transportation network companies.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with this report.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Meetings of the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM are open to public attendance. The agenda, reports and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM did not discuss alternative recommendations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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