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Item No. 15.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
February 11, 2020

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Mayor Mike Savage, Chair, Executive Standing Committee

DATE: January 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Inclusion on Ride Share Discussions

ORIGIN

January 27, 2020 meeting of the Executive Standing Committee, Item 12.2.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order One – the Procedure of the Council Administrative Order, Schedule 6, Executive Standing Committee Terms of Reference, section 8 which states that the Executive Standing Committee “shall act as a review committee for matters related to the general self-governance and administration of Council as directed by the Council.”

The Public Appointment Policy - Governing citizen appointments to HRM agencies, boards, committees, commissions, and external bodies approved by Halifax Regional Council in August 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

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, 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.

For further information on the background of this item, refer to the report from the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility dated January 21, 2020 (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION

The Executive Standing Committee considered the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility at its meeting held on January 27, 2020. The Executive Standing Committee approved a recommendation to forward to Halifax Regional Council, as outlined in the 'Recommendation' section of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

RISK CONSIDERATION

None identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Executive Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Standing Committee for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video and minutes of the Executive Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

For further information on Community Engagement as it relates to this item, refer to the report from the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility dated January 21, 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Executive Standing Committee did not provide alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Report from the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility dated January 21, 2020.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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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

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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