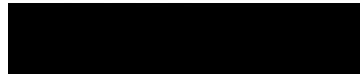




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Item No. 12.2.2
Transportation Standing Committee
August 24, 2023

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee



SUBMITTED BY:

Hugh Millward, Chair, Active Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: July 20, 2023

SUBJECT: **Active School Travel**

ORIGIN

July 20, 2023 meeting of Active Transportation Advisory Committee, Item 7.3.1.

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on developing and adopting an Active School Travel policy and plan, including considerations of partnering with other stakeholder agencies and allocating funding for necessary education and infrastructure.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, section 2 Mandate:

The mandate of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee is to advise the Transportation Standing Committee on all matters relating to active transportation in Halifax Regional Municipality, using the Active Transportation Plan as a guide.

2.1 The committee will provide timely advice to the Transportation Standing Committee on matters relating to budget, infrastructure, education, policy and public awareness.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on developing and adopting an Active School Travel policy and plan.

BACKGROUND

At the July 20, 2023 meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, the Committee received a presentation from Natalia Diaz-Insense on the topic of Active School Travel.

DISCUSSION

The Committee considered a presentation on the benefits of developing an Active School Travel plan with an integrative approach to school travel planning. The Committee passed a motion requesting the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on developing and adopting an Active School Travel policy and plan with specific considerations as outlined in the motion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications at this time.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No risk considerations were identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee is comprised of eleven citizen members and one Councillor. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee did not provide alternatives. The Transportation Standing Committee could choose not to approve the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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