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Information Item 2
Transportation Standing Committee
February 22, 2024

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: -Original Signed-

Hugh Millward, Chair, Active Transportation Advisory Committee

DATE: January 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Active Transportation Advisory Committee Annual Report 2023

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Initiated by the Active Transportation Advisory Committee through the Legislative Assistant.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, Section 14 Report to Standing Committee:

14.1 The Committee shall submit a report of activities to the Transportation Standing Committee during the first quarter of each year.

BACKGROUND

On November 14, 2006, Halifax Regional Council, adopted in principle, the Active Transportation Plan. This plan was developed to integrate all active transportation infrastructure and to ensure that the needs of all active transportation users were being met.

On May 13, 2008, Halifax Regional Council approved the formation of an Active Transportation Advisory Committee and its Terms of Reference, to take affect in November 2008.

On April 1, 2009 the Active Transportation Advisory Committee held its first meeting. The Committee's purpose 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.

The current membership is available on Halifax.ca

DISCUSSION

In 2023, the Active Transportation Advisory Committee met eight times between January 19, 2023 and November 16, 2023, virtually via Zoom.

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee met on the following dates:

- January 19, 2023
- March 16, 2023
- April 20, 2023
- May 18, 2023
- June 15, 2023
- July 20, 2023
- September 21, 2023
- November 16, 2023

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee's business for the period covering January 19, 2023 to November 16, 2023 included the following:

- 4 presentations from members of the public
- 3 staff presentations
- 1 staff report
- 2 committee member presentations
- 6 committee member updates
- 1 committee led discussion
- 3 information reports
- 3 motions passed

Presentations from members of the public:

January 19, 2023

Shared E-Scooter Industry in Canada – *Chris Schafer*

May 18, 2023

St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails Association Overview – *Neil Mooy*

June 15, 2023

Walk 'n Roll Halifax: Windsor Exchange – *Talan Iscan*

July 20, 2023

Active School Travel Initiative – *Natalia Diaz-Insense*

Staff Presentations:

January 19, 2023

Grahams Grove, Penhorn, Westphal & Main AT Connections Project – *Megan Backos, Active Transportation Planner*

April 20, 2023

Upcoming Education, Outreach Initiatives and Opportunities

November 16, 2023

2023-2024 Active Transportation Grants Program Overview and Awards

The Committee also has a standing agenda item to receive staff updates on Active Transportation Projects and Plans at each meeting.

Staff Reports:

November 16, 2023

Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule

Committee Member Presentations:

March 16, 2023

Anika Riopel: Update on the Projects of the Ecology Action Centre

November 16, 2023

Paul Young: Slow the Blazes Down

Committee Member Updates:

April 20, 2023

Holly Woodill: Update on ATVs on Trails

May 18, 2023

Hugh Millward: Transportation Standing Committee Update

Paul Young: Resources on Active School Travel Initiatives and Edmonton's Speed Limit Reduction Project

July 20, 2023

Update on General Correspondence

September 21, 2023

Chair Update on Transportation Standing Committee Motions

Bike Summit Event

Committee Led Discussions:

March 16, 2023

Hugh Millward: Discussion on Terms of Reference

Information Reports:

January 19, 2023

Memorandum from the Legislative Assistant dated December 20, 2022 re: Request to Present to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

September 20, 2023

Memorandum from the Legislative Assistant dated September 19, 2023 re: Requests to Present to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

November 16, 2023

Memorandum from the Legislative Assistant dated November 9, 2023 re: Requests to Present to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Motions Passed:

April 20, 2023

Upcoming Education, Outreach Initiatives and Opportunities

Motion approved that the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on providing free transit during Car Free Day.

June 15, 2023

Walk 'n Roll Halifax: Windsor Exchange – *Talan Iscan*

Motion approved that the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on the Windsor Street Exchange redesign to include:

- a. Separated and wide sidewalks;
- b. Separated and protected bicycle lanes;
- c. Dedicated transit-only lanes for people using public transit;
- d. Protected intersections that are safe for all vulnerable road users; and
- e. Design for 40 KPH traffic speeds

July 20, 2023

Active School Travel Initiative – *Natalia Diaz-Insense*

Motion approved 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications at this time.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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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