

Summer Bus to the Beach

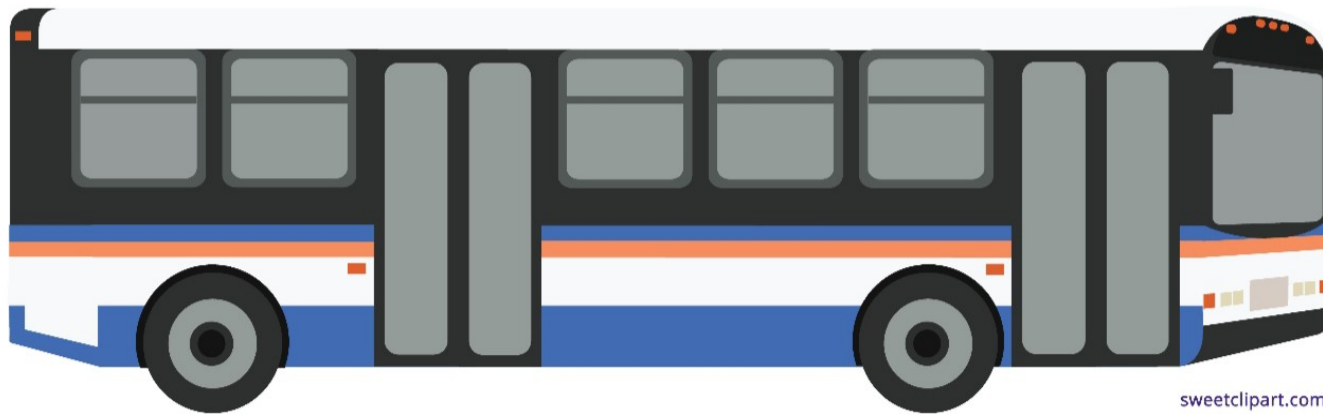
Access to trails and beaches
on the Eastern Shore of
Halifax

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What do these places have in common?

- Cole Harbour Heritage Park
- Salt Marsh Trail
- Shearwater Flyer Trail
- Rainbow Haven Beach
- Atlantic View Trail
- Lawrencetown Beach

They are n~~o~~t
accessible by bus!



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Reasons we cannot have a bus

1) Outside service area

ANSWER: It has and can be done if Council agrees.

There are currently three buses running outside the service area:

▶ Porters Lake ▶ Tantallon ▶ The Airport



Reasons we cannot have a bus



2) Not cost effective

ANSWER: It can be done cost effectively.

- Run the bus seasonally – when the beaches have lifeguards, July and August
- Ask province for funding as we are billed as Canada's ocean playground
- Start with the closest access to current services: Rainbow Haven is approx. 9km and Lawrencetown Beach is approx. 17 km from the Portland Hills bus terminal

Reasons we cannot have a bus

2) Not cost effective (continued)

- A beach bus to Rainbow Haven or Lawrencetown beach also provides access to several trails
- Route 401, Porters Lake, already travels part of this route



Why we **need** to do this

We **are** Canada's Ocean Playground!

- Fits with HalifACTs goal to reduce carbon emissions
- Fits with the regional plan to review mobility in HRM – one bus, not many vehicles
- We want to ensure that HRM is an inclusive, livable city that provides access to the outdoors with public transit



Thank you