

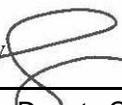
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**Item No. 14.1.7**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 22, 2016**

**TO:** Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed by   
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**DATE:** October 18, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Donation of Decommissioned Buses to Nova Scotia Community College

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## **ORIGIN**

Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), has made a request to Halifax Transit for donation of two (2) end of life conventional buses. Halifax Transit has thirty (30) buses scheduled for replacement in January 2017 that are suitable to donate to NSCC's Motive Power, and Truck & Transport curriculum.

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

HRM's policy on donation of Surplus Assets is contained in HRM Admin Order 35, Procurement Policy, Section 13.4, which states:

The disposal of surplus assets without competition to any not-for-profit corporation, association, or entity or any Municipality, Crown Corporation School Board, or any level of government shall be awarded by Halifax Regional Council.

This report complies with the above mentioned policy.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the donation of two Halifax Transit buses to NSCC.

## **BACKGROUND**

Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) is a learning institution that began to operate as a board-governed institution on April 1, 1996. The College consists of 13 campuses and four Learning Centers located in 16 towns and cities throughout Nova Scotia. Its mission is "Building Nova Scotia's Economy and Quality of Life through Education and Innovation". Its vision is "Transforming Nova Scotia One Learner at a Time".

One of the College's strategic priorities is its commitment to the building and sustaining of strong community connections. These connections help NSCC better prepare the next generation of graduates with the tools, resources and guidance they need to succeed in their field of study. A perfect example is the relationship with Halifax Transit. Halifax Transit's proposal to donate two transit buses would mean that at two of four campuses which offer Heavy Duty Truck and Transport (HDTT), the College could enhance its instruction to pre-apprenticeship students and offer them the technical practice needed for those wishing to find employment in the bus/coach industry. The HDTT program focuses on the many systems that are similar, but not the same as those within the bus/coach industry. Systems such as electronic multiplexing, air brakes, height adjustable suspension and many more could be familiarized within curriculum to further assist students along their apprenticeship journey.

Currently there are no buses at any of the NSCC locations. To support the curriculum offered at NSCC, having buses creates familiarity which, in turn, supports the development of prospective tradespeople as they progress through their journey person status. Halifax Transit has determined these buses have no useful purpose once decommissioned, they could, if left intact, however find new life and be repurposed to serve as a starting point for both students and faculty in ensuring a full understanding of their composition.

### **DISCUSSION**

The two non-accessible conventional buses are at end of life; seventeen (17) years and twenty-two (22) years respectively, and while more costly to maintain and operate for Halifax Transit, they still have some use for teaching engine, axle, steering, and suspension practical and theory principles. The buses will be stripped of all Halifax Transit useful property prior to being donated. NSCC would assume all costs of receiving the buses.

In donating these buses, NSCC would be accepting as is, where is.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

These buses have fully depreciated and are sold as scrap once decommissioned. The scrap value of a conventional bus is \$1000, however, Halifax Transit will forgo the scrape revenue of \$2000 for a donation in kind.

### **RISK CONSIDERATION**

Upon donation, all risks associated with the operation of the vehicle would be assumed by NSCC.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

An appropriate communications plan will be executed to ensure the community is aware of this HRM support to post-secondary education.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Council could direct staff to sell the buses via public auction. There is no guarantee that the municipality captures market value as a result. Proceeds from the sale of surplus vehicles are directed to a General Reserve.

**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments.

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