

17.2 Ratification of Motion of Committee of the Whole – Halifax Transit Moving Forward Together Plan

That Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the 2016/2017 Halifax Transit Annual Service Plan;
2. Approve the Moving Forward Together Plan as the strategic direction for the growth and development of the Halifax Transit network, with the following corrections (and as outlined in the handout entitled “Omissions/Clarifications to Plan”):
 - a) Amend the Route 1 Spring Garden description found in Attachment A, Appendix B, page B1 to reflect two way transit service on Gottingen Street, as shown on map in Appendix A;
 - b) Amend the Route 4 Lacewood description found in Attachment A, Appendix B, page B2 to reflect routing as shown on map in Appendix A;
 - c) Remove Table 6 Level of Service Guidelines found on Attachment A, Section 3.6, page 45; and
 - d) Include a new table to summarize the service spans and frequencies of ferry routes on Attachment A, Appendix D, page D-1.
3. Approve the Moving Forward Principles as the guiding principles for Halifax Transit over the life of the Moving Forward Together Plan;
4. Direct staff to prepare for implementation of the future transit network as described in the Plan and Appendix A Network Maps (attachment B of the staff report dated March 9, 2016); and
5. Adopt the Performance Measures, including the Ridership Guidelines, as described in Part 6 of the Moving Forward Together Plan (attachment B of the staff report dated March 9, 2016).
6. That staff be directed to prepare a supplemental report, outlining options, financial and operational implications on the following transit matters, identified at the Committee of the Whole meeting, on April 12, 2016:
 - a. Options providing the residents of Eastern Passage/Cow Bay transit service to Cole Harbour and possibly continuing to Portland Hills terminal.
 - b. Consider leaving the Purcell’s Cove bus route 15 service as is.
 - c. Extension of a portion of the airport route (320), to service the community of Fall River as part of its regular route.
 - d. Consider that the proposed link into Cole Harbour be implemented prior to 2021.
 - e. Consider that the route numbers associated with the bus routes in North Preston and Cherry Brook remain as is.
 - f. Consider the proposed alternate Route 370 (Porters Lake) as identified in the Map distributed by Councillor Hendsbee at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 12, 2016.
 - g. Consider the extension of Route 55 and that the following options be evaluated:
 - i) extend Route 55 to the community of Waverley and return.
 - ii) extend Route 55 through Waverley to the Fall River Park and Ride.
 - iii) extend Route 55 through Waverley to Sackville Terminal on Cobequid Road.

- h. Existing Route 6 Quinpool be retained as is.
- i. Extend Hammonds Plains buses to Tantallon and Tantallon buses to Hammonds Plains, Peggy's Cove and Hubbards.
- j. Determine how the proposed Route 93, (Bedford), which goes through the Nottingham Community, could be expanded to service residents in the area surrounding the Sunnyside Mall and Bedford Place Mall.
- k. Determine whether the Sambro Community Transit Route 402 could be removed.
- l. Examine continuing with proposed #10 on the current route #10 on Inglis and Beaufort.
- m. Extending local bus service, such as proposed route 24, to provide service to the Joseph Howe Manor, the seniors residence located at 5515 Victoria Road.
- n. Consider the detailed report submitted by the Main Street BID as distributed at the COW meeting of April 12, 2016, with respect to adopting its recommendation for Route 63, 68, Route 55, and Route 401.
- o. Consider the Greater Burnside Business Association communication April 8, 2016 to not locate the bus terminal at Wright Avenue and Akerley Blvd. and locate it at or near the Dartmouth 4 Pad.
- p. Consider an amendment (or addition) of a bus corridor route running North South in Dartmouth connecting Burnside, Highfield Terminal, Bridge Terminal, Downtown Dartmouth and Woodside, to improve regional connections to these locations and also make it easier to travel within Dartmouth.
- q. Consider extending service for routes associated with the service industry Downtown areas – Scotia Square/Alderney Gate and Dartmouth Crossing to coincide with working hours.
- r. Consider extending existing Route 5 (which becomes 26 Springvale Avenue) continue beyond Mumford to downtown and not terminate at the Mumford Terminal.
- s. Provide a history of transit services (planned and actual) to the community of Lucasville, including past budget commitments and changes to the transit boundaries, including options on how to extend conventional service to the community, present options to provide a peak time service to Lucasville community and include any financial commitments Halifax Transit could commit to provide the alternate service.
- t. Identify other local routes in the proposed plan that through improved service levels or extensions may in the future provide crosstown service as part of a grid network high frequency grid [Potentials include the 29, the 72, the 84 from Sackville and the 32 – all numbers in the new plan].
- u. Implications of the proposed Roslyn Rd route for #1 bus during afternoon peak hours that included rationale for this route, alternatives considered, options for peak hour service, options for identifying traffic calming and how this proposal relates to the Integrated Mobility Plan.
- v. Extension of Route 32 Cowie Hill Express (which becomes the Route 124 Leiblin Link) continue to travel on Summer Street and not on Robie Street.
- w. Consider enabling East-West routes to run across north end peninsula including identifying physical improvements to roads and installation of enhanced shelters at key transfer points in order to allow more riders convenient connections from Bayers Road and Mumford terminals to Barrington Street.

The following motion was also dealt with in Committee of the Whole and ratified:

Motion approved requesting a staff report (recommendation) to Transportation Standing Committee regarding a public engagement model, to allow citizens to advise Halifax Transit on public transit issues.