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Item No. 14.3.3
Halifax Regional Council
March 6, 2018

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

DATE: February 23, 2018

SUBJECT: Halifax Transit Ongoing Engagement Model

ORIGIN

February 22, 2018 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, Item No. 12.1.3.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Administrative Order 1, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, Schedule 7, Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference, section 6 (c):

Oversight and Input into Transit's Strategic Plan and Direction

The Transportation Standing Committee shall promote and enable positive communication between communities, ridership, and the Council and Transit services to enable and support the Regional Transit service to the communities of the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

1. Direct Halifax Transit staff to work with Corporate Communications to initiate an online advisory panel as an ongoing method of public engagement.
2. Direct Halifax Transit staff to undertake in person consultation to complement the online advisory panel.

BACKGROUND

A staff report dated January 17, 2018 pertaining to the ongoing public engagement model for Halifax Transit was before the Transportation Standing Committee for consideration at its meeting held on February 22, 2018.

For further information, please refer to the attached staff report dated February 22, 2018.

DISCUSSION

The Transportation Standing Committee reviewed the January 17, 2018 staff report at its meeting held on February 22, 2018 and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As outlined in the attached staff report dated January 17, 2018.

RISK CONSIDERATION

As outlined in the attached staff report dated January 17, 2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Transportation Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Transportation Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Transportation Standing Committee did not discuss alternative recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Staff report dated January 17, 2018.

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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