



Subject: *Transit as a Service Workshop Date Selection*
To: Corporate and Residential Services
Date Prepared: March 10, 2023
Related Motions: C19-167
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Summary

As part of the 2023-24 East Hants Business Plan, Economic and Business Development proposed a project to develop Council's vision and a potential plan for transit as a service in East Hants. Economic and Business Development are requesting to set a date for a workshop with Councillors to review the Transit Operating and Business Plan (2020) in an informal session and provide the opportunity for discussion. In addition to a review of the business plan, the workshop will provide an overview of the steps forward that will support Council to be transit ready should they choose to proceed.

Financial Impact Statement

There is no financial impact as part of this report.

Recommendation

Staff are recommending that the Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council to set the date for the transit workshop for <DATE>

Recommended Motion

That Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council to set the date for the transit workshop for <DATE>

Background

In 2019, at the request of Municipal Council (C19-167), East Hants procured the services of WSP to complete the East Hants Transit Service Operating and Business Plan (2020 Plan). This 2020 Plan further explored a potential partnership with East Hants and Area Community Rider and new routing based on the road network at the time. This Plan updated the original Transit Service Business Plan from 2015.

The 2020 Transit Service Operating and Business Plan developed a detailed service, delivery, and financial plan. It also explored service contracting and responsibilities for a potential partnership with Community Rider and provided an overall implementation plan to pilot a transit service in East Hants.

As part of the 2023-24 East Hants Business Plan, Economic and Business Development proposed a project to develop Council's vision and a potential plan for transit as a service in East Hants. Five steps were outlined:

1. Council workshop on transit as a service in East Hants.
2. Updating the business and financial plan for implementing transit as a service.
3. Financial model for Council consideration.
4. Community engagement sessions.

5. Multi-year implementation plan.

For the first step, Economic and Business Developed are requesting to set a date for a workshop with Councillors to review the Transit Operating and Business Plan in an informal session and provide the opportunity for discussion.

Discussion

Economic and Business Development have reviewed Council Calendar and propose selecting one of the following dates for the Workshop:

April 20, 2023 7:00pm-8:30pm

April 27, 2023 7:00pm-8:30pm

May 11, 2023 7:00pm-8:30pm

May 18, 2023 7:00pm-8:30pm

Alternatives

1. That Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council to provide further direction to Staff.
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Attachments

No attachments.