

STAFF REPORT

Economic and Business Development Division

Subject: East Hants Public Transit Business Plan Update 2024

To: Corporate and Residential Services Committee

Date Prepared: 12/05/2025

Related Motions:

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Summary

Since 2012 a number of reports and studies have been completed for East Hants to help guide the feasibility and potential implementation of a fixed route public transit system in East Hants. The attached Draft East Hants Public Transit Business Plan Update 2024 is being presented to Council to outline the potential transit route, options for operational models, and potential costing for implementing a fixed route transit system in East Hants.

This report is being presented for information to Council. Staff will be bringing a financial analysis and funding report for further discussion with Council in early 2025. The East Hants Community Rider Association is a key component as an operational model for consideration in the plan. Staff have been working directly with the Executive Director for input into this plan. As a next step, this report will be presented to the Board of Community Rider Association for information and discussion.

Financial Impact Statement

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Recommendation

This report is presented for information. Staff will be returning in early 2025 for any additional updates to the report based on council feedback and discussion with the East Hants Community Rider Association board.

Recommended Motion

That Corporate and Residential Services Committee recommends to Council that they moved forward with next steps as outlined in this "East Hants Public Transit Business Plan Update 2024" staff report dated December 05, 2024.