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Item No. 10.1

Request for Council’s Consideration		
<p>X Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk’s Office by Noon Thursday)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk’s Office by Noon Monday)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor</p>
<p>Date of Council Meeting: August 5, 2025 (Deferred from July 8, 2025)</p>		
<p>Subject: Access-A-Bus access in communities that currently lack transportation options and are not serviced by either Halifax Transit or rural transit service providers.</p>		
<p>Motion for Council to Consider: <i>THAT Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to provide a staff report on the feasibility and cost implications of expanding Access-A-Bus service to include communities outside the Halifax Transit service boundary and lack other rural transit service providers.</i></p>		
<p>Reason: As highlighted in the Rural Transit Grant Program Review (May 22, 2025), several rural and suburban communities—including Sambro, Prospect, Lucasville, Pockwock Road, North Beaver Bank, Fall River, and Enfield—currently lack access to public transportation and are not served by Halifax Transit or rural transit providers. While fully integrated transit systems may not yet be practical or financially viable in these areas, and the Rural Transit Program is still being considered, the absence of accessible transportation for residents who are temporarily or permanently unable to drive has serious consequences. It creates a significant barrier to healthcare and inclusion—and disproportionately impacts seniors, people with disabilities, and others living with mobility or cognitive impairments.</p>		
<p>Outcome Sought: A staff report detailing the feasibility and cost implications of having extended Access-A-Bus service in the communities outlined above, where Halifax Transit does not currently operate and there are no rural transit service providers.</p>		
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