



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 20, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Ben Buckwold, Chair  
Kelsey Lane, Vice Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Ella Dodson  
Eliza Jackson  
James McMillin  
Margaret Lucas  
Elizabeth Pugh  
Lindsay Slade  
Ian Watt

**REGRETS:** Councillor Tim Outhit  
David Jackson

**STAFF:** Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant  
Leslie Neate, Legislative Support  
David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to Active Transportation Advisory Committee are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/170420atac-agenda.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. and adjourned at 5:19 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

The Chair opened the meeting requesting a round of introductions for the benefit of new committee members.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2017**

MOVED by Ella Dodson, seconded by Kelsey Lane

**THAT the minutes of March 23, 2017 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded James McMillin

**THAT the agenda be approved.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**7.1 Correspondence - None**

**7.2 Petitions - None**

**7.3 Presentations**

**8. REPORTS/UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

**8.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Kelsey Lane advised that the 30 Days of Biking is continuing with a group ride in Dartmouth on Saturday. Bicycle counters should be installed for June and a couple of bicycle corrals are being put back up in HRM. The locations to be confirmed and completed by next month.

Ella Dodson advised they worked on the Integrated Mobility Plan and have comments they can provide. The Chair indicated these would be good to circulate.

For the benefit of new committee members, the Chair provided a brief description of the Integrated Mobility Plan. Details can be found online under "Shape Your City," at the Municipal website.

David MacIsaac – Staff Update:

- They are attempting to get a bike lane in on Almon Street this summer. Consultation coming up May 3, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.
- Bike Week planning is very active. Tomorrow is the deadline to submit for events and grant applications, but they are open to getting events right up to the week. They have a fairly flexible approach to providing support for this event.
- There has been quite a bit of work looking at the Cogswell interchange. The project is very active right now. Staff believe there is the intention to carry out public engagement and advised that a presentation to the ATAC committee can be arranged. The Chair agreed it would be appropriate.
- Staff are beginning the process to establish the annual capital agreement with HRTA relating to projects and their maintenance agreements.
- The Integrated Mobility Plan seems to be very driven by comments received from surveys.
- Today, HRM posted employment positions for three active transportation planners.

## 8.2 STAFF

### 8.2.1 MacDonald Bridge Bikeway Connector – Presentation by David MacIsaac

David MacIsaac presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, “MacDonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors: Update to ATAC, dated April 20, 2017.

The purpose of the presentation was to summarize the recommendations from the planning process and to obtain feedback from ATAC before submission to the Transportation Standing Committee and Regional Council.

David MacIsaac detailed the recommendations for:

1. Dartmouth: Bridge Bikeway access
2. Dartmouth: On-street bikeways and AT greenway
3. Halifax: Bridge Bikeway access
4. Halifax: North-Gottingen intersection
5. Halifax: North Street bike lanes

The current status and next steps of the project are as follows:

- April 2017: Approved HRM Capital Budget has \$7M over four years (17/18 – 20/21)  
Budget Breakdown:
  - \$700K Design for this project
  - \$1M Year 2
  - \$4.6M Year 3
  - \$1M Year 4
- April 2017: present to ATAC and incorporate feedback
- May or June 2017: Recommendation report to Transportation Standing Committee
  - Recommendation to Council will be to consider this and for direction to begin spending the budget allocated.
- Summer 2017: Regional Council consideration
- 2017 – 2021 – Implementation (pending Council direction)
  - Detailed design
  - Co-ordination and MOU with Halifax Harbour Bridges
  - Construction (phased)

**Questions and comments from committee members:**

Can the bikeway and pedway on the MacDonald Bridge be combined?

The Halifax Harbour Bridges (HHB) controls the 2.8 meter pedway and bikeway. They cannot be combined. There would also be concerns with the speeds that bikes can reach.

Can the bikeway and pedway on the MacDonald Bridge be switched?

HHB does not want to switch these lanes.

For the Northwood/Gottingen/Creighton concept rendering, the bus bay on North St. causes a traffic issue with cars blocking the intersection. As buses stop all along North, often causing traffic backup, perhaps the blocking of intersections could be policed better.

Is the Brunswick Street side still being considered as a landing area for bicycles?

Currently, access to Brunswick Street is not easy. This is still being looked at relating to transition in that area; however, there would be an increase cost of \$1M to the project. There was talk about switching the bikeway and pedway on the bridge; however it puts the pedestrians at a disadvantage having to go under the bridge and walk up; and, again, the HHB is not interested to swap the lanes.

With a 2.8 meter grade, what are the winter maintenance considerations?

As HHB, currently maintains their structures, Staff are talking to HHB to determine who maintains this structure.

The Chair thanked David for the presentation. David advised that the next step will be for the report to be submitted to the Transportation Standing Committee. David asked if ATAC supported the recommendations that were presented today. All agreed.

Kelsey Lane asked for an update with regard to reports requested through ATAC to TSC. The Chair will work with the Legislative Assistant to provide a list of reports and their status for committee members.

**9. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2017**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Leslie Neate  
Legislative Support