



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTES
AUGUST 17, 2017**

PRESENT: Ben Buckwold, Chair
Kelsey Lane, Vice Chair
Ella Dodson
David Jackson
Eliza Jackson
Elizabeth Pugh

REGRETS: Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Lindell Smith
Ian Watt
James McMillin
Lindsay Slade
Maggie Lucas

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

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The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. and adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order without quorum at 4:07 p.m.

Community Announcements

The Chair asked the committee members to forward any requests for future presentations to his attention for follow up.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 20, 2017

Due to lack of quorum, the approval of the July 20, 2017, minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

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

There was no approval of the order of business or of additions and deletions due to lack of quorum.

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 - None

8. REPORTS/ UPDATES/ DISCUSSION

8.1 Committee Members

Kelsey Lane asked if there is an update for Bike Friendly Business. The Chair advised that Bicycle NS has been trying to develop an implementation model for a bike-friendly business program in Halifax and beyond. They are close to having something ready to present. The Chair will arrange for a presentation for the September or October agenda.

The Chair inquired about the discussion from last meeting related to the Active Transportation piece of the Cogswell development. Kelsey Lane advised they are approaching the 30-percent design phase being complete. The next step will be to take it to the Transportation Committee. Prior to getting to 60-percent design completion phase, they would like input from the Active Transportation Committee with regard to the active transportation corridors planned. The Chair will provide the link to the information and asked committee members to review and provide comments for discussion at the September meeting. The Chair added that the committee will then provide a general opinion on the matter to staff.

The Chair advised Kelsey Lane spoke to Gerry Post concerning a presentation on the Accessibility Act and the relationship with Active Transportation. Gerry Post may be able to attend the September meeting. The Chair will follow up with Gerry Post.

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor, joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

On behalf of the committee, the Chair offered congratulations to David for the work and subsequent approval by Regional Council of the MacDonald Bridge Connection Project. Eliza Jackson provided cupcakes for the committee in honour of that achievement.

8.2 Staff

David MacIsaac indicated that there has been little change to their report from last month's meeting and provided the following update:

- New sidewalks - tendered for all that can get done this year. Three will not be completed this year. A few of those projects were converted to multi-use pathways projects (top of Fairview along Dunbrack, mainland linear trail and Fairview, Windmill Road to the Burnside Park).
- Sackville Greenway tender was approved at Council this week. May not be completed this construction season.
- The Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA) capital maintenance agreements were sent out this afternoon. Those projects will be ready to go starting now.

In response to a question regarding the relationship between HRM and HRTA, David MacIsaac responded that there are Regional Council reports that give HRM the authorization to work directly with HRTA to build segments of the Active Transportation plan. This assists HRM when some of the segments are in provincial parks or on provincial crown land. There was a motion at the last Transportation Standing Committee to ask staff to take a look at that model and update it.

David MacIsaac continued with his updates as follows:

- On-road bike facilities – Lower Street RFP is out to get some consultants and public consultations will be planned (Vernon, Seymour, Allan, and Oak). Creighton/Maynard will be down the road.
- Wyse Road will be tied into the Bikeways Connector Project. Expect to be able to do something next year from Boland to Albrow Lake and from Boland south to the bridge.
- Almon Street – Report to Council mid September or mid October.
- Fall River bike lanes likely next year due to the delay of the Halifax Water project.

The Chair asked about new TAC Bicycle Facility Guidelines and if it was possible to obtain a copy and to have someone come in to provide a presentation on the guidelines. David MacIsaac indicated this may be possible, and he would look into this matter.

David MacIsaac concluded his updates with the following:

- Rainnie Drive – Minor improvements this year. Permanent improvements possible next year.
- Downtown Bikeway – by next meeting there should be a better update.
- Integrated walkability enhancements (Novalea, Clayton Park)
- South Park update – they are in the home stretch and determining what to propose to Council. Main factor is development encroachments. Development plan for South and South Park not approved yet.
- Bicycle corrals update – possibly going to TSC maybe the end of September.

A member asked for a visual of the plan with regard to the Cogswell design plan for the next meeting. The presentation is online. The Legislative Assistant advised that she would follow up with Donna Davis and see if she has additional visuals she could provide.

9. ADDED ITEMS - None

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2017

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Leslie Neate
Legislative Support