HALIFAX

ACTIVE TRANSPORATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 17, 2019

 PRESENT: David Jackson, Chair
                                 Jillian Banfield, Vice-Chair
                                 Ella Dodson
                                 Peter Fritz
                                 Jessie Harlow
                                 Kelsey Lane
                                 Sarah Manchon
                                 Elizabeth Pugh
                                 Emily Miller
                                 Councillor Sam Austin

OTHERS PRESENT: Ian Watt

REGRETS: Ben Buckwold
                                  Paul Berry

STAFF:

                                 David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor
                                 Jason Beanlands, Active Transportation Planner
                                 Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant
                                 Marina Kwak, Legislative Support

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

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The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. and adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2019

MOVED by Peter Fritz, seconded by Ella Dodson

THAT the minutes of September 19, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The agenda was approved as circulated.

MOVED by Ella Dodson, seconded by Peter Fritz

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Committee received correspondence from Halifax Regional Trails Association and this correspondence was circulated to the Committee.

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION/UPDATES

8.1 STAFF

8.1.1 Staff Presentation on Monitoring for Walking and Cycling

The following was before the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:
- A staff presentation on Monitoring usage of active transportation facilities

The Chair invited Jason Beanlands, Active Transportation Planner, to make a presentation on monitoring usage of active transportation facilities. Beanlands gave a background on monitoring usage of active transportation facilities and the importance of counting to produce the data on which decisions are based. He outlined the Integrated Mobility Plan actions, Actions 85 and 86, requiring data collection and use and outlined various traffic monitoring equipment utilized for data collection, including automated

video (Miovision and Gridsmart), pneumatic tubes (Eco-counter), passive infrared, magnetometers and inductive loops. Beanlands also touched on manual counts.

Beanlands continued his presentation by expounding on current efforts and reported that 22 counts have been carried out biannually since 2010, through a mix of manual collection and time lapse cameras. Beanlands noted that there are a number of ongoing trail counts. Turning movement counts are also undertaken, collecting cyclist and pedestrian data. Further, data on traffic volume is also collected. Beanlands identified 13 strategic locations used to capture bicycle and vehicle data simultaneously and also expounded on the multimodal occupancy count which determines the modal distribution of people throughput on a cross-section of a given corridor. Beanlands noted that project specific counts are also undertaken on as needed basis and explained about general strategies utilized in data collection.

Beanlands concluded the presentation by presenting key goals for 2019/20, including consolidating data collection from sources that already exist, continuing strategic rollout of HRM operated permanent counter sites and planning for expansion of the program, continuing to prioritize and schedule yearly short term counts, developing expansion factors using permanent counters, implementing quality control measures in data collection and re-evaluating and identifying areas of improvement.

The Committee provided the following feedback:
- Monitoring of air quality should be considered;
- Gathering data on gender and age would be beneficial;
- Peak hour counts could be biased and non-representative;
- Consideration should be given to gathering more representative samples and countering gaps and biases;
- Care should be taken to ensure that data is inclusive and representative;
- Consideration should be given to gathering more information about pedestrians using other means, such as cellular data.

8.1.2 Active Transpiration Group Update

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor, provided a verbal update on work being undertaken by the Active Transportation group, noting that:

- A new staff member, Megan Backos, is in the AT Planner role;
- There are upcoming public engagement opportunities on Peninsula South Complete Streets and North End and West End Local Street Bikeways, at various locations, including Isleville Park on October 22, 2019, Knox United Church on October 23, 2019, Ward 5 Neighbourhood on October 24, 2019, Hydrostone Park on October 24, 2019, Halifax Central Library on October 28, 2019 and Dalhousie Student Union Building on October 30, 2019;
- There are a number of recent AT capital project completions, including new sidewalk projects, Bissett Trail Phase III, South Park Phase I and Barrington Greenway extension;
- Detailed design and planning for next year's construction include Wyse Road bikeway, South Park Phase II and Rainnie Drive-Gottingen Road;
- Capital budget planning is underway for next year's projects, including three-year capital for Regional Council consideration and five year capital and integrated planning;
- The shared micro-mobility readiness study is underway with the public engagement (Shape your City) is likely to be undertaken in November, 2019;
- Rural AT framework study is planned for this Fall.

8.2 Committee Members—None

9. ADDED ITEMS—NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING— November 21, 2019 at Halifax, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax at 4:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 6:10 p.m.

Marina Kwak
Legislative Support