



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 27, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell
Councillor John Young
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation
Planning
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

THAT Councillor Morse be nominated Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Austin declined the nomination.

Councillor Morse was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Cuttell

THAT Councillor Morse be appointed Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Morse was declared the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Morse assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Morse called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Austin was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

THAT Councillor Austin be appointed Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin was declared the Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 23, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of October 23, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

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. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 13.1.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Benefits of Safe Cycling in Halifax – Talan Iscans, Halifax Cycling Coalition

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated November 4, 2025
- Presentation dated November 27, 2025

Talan Iscans, Halifax Cycling Coalition gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Colin May, Dartmouth spoke about pedestrian safety and concerns with metal guardrails on sidewalks, showing two photographs which were provided for the file.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Mobile Speed Display Signs

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 15, 2025
- Correspondence from Martyn Williams, Norm Collins

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to maintain the existing Speed Display Sign Program using the current inventory.

Sam Trask, Supervisor, Road Safety & Transportation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer item 13.1.1 and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplementary report that conducts a review of local, national, and international published data on the effectiveness of Speed Display Signs (SDS) more generally to see if there are recognized benefits to SDS and if HRM's data collection methodology is consistent with best practices.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated November 27, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the proposed 2026 Transportation Standing Committee meeting schedule as outlined in the staff memorandum.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 8, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants