



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 26, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Shawn Cleary

REGRETS: Councillor Richard Zurawski

STAFF: Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2:47 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the minutes of February 22, 2018 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Councillor Cleary requested that Information Item No. 2 Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated January 16, 2018 re: Protected Bike Lanes on Rainnie Drive – Parking in the Buffer be brought forward for discussion at the regular next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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

The Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received for agenda item 12.1.2 which was distributed to members of the Transportation Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation – NONE

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Restriction of Motorized Access on Proposed AT Greenway

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 30, 2018

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to continue to pursue the Active Transportation Plan and Integrated Mobility Plan objective to develop a new segment of the active transportation network on the Gaetz Brook corridor with the understanding that the Provincial Government will make the decision on whether or not this segment is motorized or unmotorized.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Participation of the Chain of Lakes Trail in the Rum Runners Trail

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 8, 2018
- Correspondence from Ian Watt, President Chain of Lakes Train Association dated March 19, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the participation of the Chain of Lakes Trail as part of the Rum Runners Trail, subject to the conditions of participation described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated February 8, 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 HRM Traffic Management and Safety Policy Book

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 2, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to amend the Traffic Control Practices & Warrants document as appropriate to remain consistent with the principles of the Integrated Mobility Plan and to support the Complete Streets policy and revisions to the Municipal Design Guidelines (Red Book).

Councillor Nicoll suggested the motion be amended to request that staff prepare bi-annual reports for the Transportation Standing Committee respecting updates or amendments to the Traffic Control Practices & Warrants. This amendment was deemed friendly by the Transportation Standing Committee.

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to amend the Traffic Control Practices & Warrants document as appropriate to remain consistent with the principles of the Integrated Mobility Plan and to support the Complete Streets policy and revisions to the Municipal Design Guidelines (Red Book) and;**
- 2. That staff prepare bi-annual reports for the Transportation Standing Committee respecting updates or amendments to the Traffic Control Practices & Warrants document.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Halifax Transit 2017/18 Third Quarter KPI Report

(i) Staff presentation dated March 26, 2018

(ii) Information report dated January 10, 2018

The following was before the Standing Committee

- A staff information report dated January 10, 2018
- A staff presentation dated March 26, 2018

Patricia Hughes, Manager of Planning and Scheduling provide a presentation with respect to the 2017/18 Third Quarter KPI Report and responded to questions of clarification from members of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the information report dated January 10, 2018 and presentation dated March 26, 2018 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.5 Impacts of Expanding the Low Income Transit Pass

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 5, 2018

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct staff to:

- 1. Increase the number of places available in the Low Income Transit Pass program to 2,000 for the 2019/20 program year (starting July 2019);**
- 2. Monitor program uptake to understand the impact the new partnership with the Department of Community Services may have on demand for the Low Income Transit Pass Program; and**
- 3. Revise the eligibility criteria to accept a letter from social workers or ISANS in lieu of a Notice of Assessment or Option C as proof of qualification for the Low Income Transit Pass Program.**

In response to questions of clarification, Patricia Hughes, Manager of Planning and Scheduling and Erin Blay, Supervisor, Service Design & Projects noted the following:

- Currently there are fewer than 40 individuals on the wait list to receive a Low Income Transit Pass.
- Transit staff is working with Corporate Communications on a communication plan to advise the public about the program.
- Staff reviews the program on a bi-annual basis to monitor participation rates.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Councillor Nicoll – Federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A Transportation Standing Committee request for consideration form dated March 26, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report asking Halifax Transit for a 10-year plan in response to the criteria of the Federal Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.

In response to a question of clarification, Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit advised that the Federal Public Infrastructure Fund is unprecedented and there is still a great deal of unknowns respecting the programs criteria.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 COMMITTEE UPDATES

12.4.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff memorandum re: Active Transportation Committee Update

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee as submitted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing request a staff report on the feasibility, benefits, and authority to install red light cameras and electronic speed detection devices.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Personnel Matter

14.1.1 Appointment to the Halifax Harbour Bridges Board of Commissioners

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private), no further action by the Transportation Standing Committee was required.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Outhit called three times for members of the public to address the Transportation Standing Committee. There were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 26, 2018

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant