



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 18, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Russell

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director of Halifax Transit
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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 1:00 p.m., the Standing Committee adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of April 27, 2023 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 15.1 – Councillor Lovelace

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, Councillor Outhit requested that item 17 – Public Participation be considered prior to Item 8.1.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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

8.1 Almon Street AAA Bikeway Extension

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 19, 2023
- Briefing note dated May 12, 2023
- Correspondence dated May 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to monitor and evaluate use of the approved all ages and abilities east-west cycling corridor across the north end of the Halifax peninsula for a minimum of two years post-implementation and provide an update to the Transportation Standing Committee by 2026; and**

- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a functional planning process to evaluate options to provide an all ages abilities cycling connection from Almon Street at Agricola Street to Gottingen Street as described in Table 1 of the Discussion section of the staff report dated April 19, 2023.**

Mike Connors, Manager, Transportation Planning and David MacIsaac, Manager, Active Transportation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence - None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations - None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 2022/23 Q3 Halifax Transit KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 15, 2023

Philip Herritt, Director, Transit Operations gave a presentation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Mark Santilli, Manager, Technical Services, Victoria Pierce-Goodland, Director, Employee Support & Development, Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement, and Gagan Jaggi, Acting Director, Transit Fleet responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Dave Reage, Executive Director of Public Works/Traffic Authority/Chief Engineer spoke to Halifax Regional Municipality's (HRM) ongoing analysis of Transit Service delivery and current challenges faced by Halifax Transit including navigating service reductions, labour shortages, and variability in running times due to mixed traffic.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee accept the report dated May 15, 2023 and forward to Halifax Regional Council as an Information Item.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Councillor Mason stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Lovelace assumed the Chair.

12.2.1 Councillor Mason

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Committee Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding process to request that all school zones in HRM be designated 30 kph zones on a permanent basis.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Councillor Mason

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Committee Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding establishing criteria for a pilot project to close school zones to vehicle traffic during pick and drop off where the road configuration would allow it.

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.3 Councillor Mason

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Committee Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding implementing a pilot to designate certain main streets as vehicle free on Sundays during the summer months (June-August).

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason resumed the Chair.

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Councillor Lovelace

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Committee Consideration form from Councillor Lovelace

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report that outlines the process to request authority from the Province of Nova Scotia to establish and enforce reasonable and consistent traffic speeds in private commercial or public parking lots to prioritize pedestrian safety in HRM.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Trueman, Halifax Cycling Coalition spoke to concerns regarding delays in implementing Almon Street Bikeway Extension Recommendations as outlined in the 2017 HRM Integrated Mobility Plan and proposed functional analysis of the project be outsourced by HRM. Trueman urged the Standing Committee to modify the plan for reconstruction of the Connaught Avenue and Almon Street intersection as outlined in the April 19, 2023 staff report, Almon Street AAA Bikeway Extension to include cross rides and bicycle signals.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 22, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant