



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
December 13, 2023**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Executive Director Public Works & Chief Engineer
Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor
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 1:30 p.m., the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 – November 23, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of November 23, 2023 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

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 Information Item 2.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Equitable Considerations re: Winter Parking Ban – *Daniel Lametti*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated October 23, 2023
- Presentation dated December 13, 2023

Daniel Lametti, North End Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Transportation Zoning and Evidence Based Design Changes – *Matt Stickland*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Requests to present dated October 20, 2023 and October 29, 2023

- Presentation dated December 13, 2023

Matt Stickland, Legal Road Bicycle Users Club gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martyn Williams, Clayton Park spoke to the Review of the Strategic Road Safety Framework 2018-2023, noted injuries and fatalities have increased among vulnerable road users over the last five years and suggested action be taken in areas of Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) that have been identified as “injury hotspots”. They encouraged HRM staff to meet with stakeholders and produce a report on the issue. Williams responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Walter Strachan, District 4 spoke in support of the proposed motion for Item 14.1 and voiced concerns regarding the traffic islands present on Colby Drive. Strachan noted residents were not asked for input prior to installation. The islands had proven to be ineffective in achieving their intended purpose, which may cause traffic obstructions and pose a financial burden to residents undertaking work on their property. Strachan responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS - NONE

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report outlining the options for removal of the traffic islands on Colby Drive, including any draft amendments that might be required to the Traffic Calming Administrative Order (2021-005-OP).

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the motion be amended to remove “outlining the options for removal of the traffic islands on Colby Drive, including any draft amendments that might be required to the Traffic Calming Administrative Order (2021-005-OP)” and be replaced with “that measures the effectiveness and impacts of the traffic islands on Colby Drive and investigate any changes that may be necessary, which could include removal of the traffic islands.”

Brad Anguish, Executive Director Public Works & Chief Engineer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that measures the effectiveness and impacts of the traffic islands on Colby Drive and investigates any changes that may be necessary, which could include removal of the traffic islands.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 25, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant