



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 25, 2024**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Kathryn Morse

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant

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

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 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 – March 28, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of March 28, 2024 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

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Purdy requested that Information Item 2 – Traffic Islands on Colby Drive be brought forward at the next Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

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 13.1.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter Zimmer, Halifax spoke to the Road Safety Strategy: The Way Forward report and noted concerns regarding collision fatalities and injuries being measured by the metric of per 100,000 residents and explained targets should be based on total fatalities and injuries. Zimmer encouraged the Standing Committee to defer Item 13.1.2 to the next meeting to allow for further stakeholder input.

Matt Stickland, District 2 echoed the sentiments of previous speaker, Peter Zimmer and urged the Standing Committee to the defer Item 13.1.2. Stickland stated that road injuries and fatalities are largely preventable and current data does not capture unreported injuries. They explained the use of the per 100,000 metric results in an increase in preventable collisions. Stickland emphasized that structural and behavioural changes concerning transportation infrastructure would be a lengthy and expensive process but would be worth undertaking.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Halifax Transit 2023/24 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 4, 2024
- Staff presentation dated April 25, 2024

Marc Santilli, Manager, Technical Services gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee accept the staff report dated April 4, 2024 and receive a presentation.

Phil Herritt, Director, Transit Operations, Victoria Pierce-Goodland, Director, Employee Support & Development and Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee regarding data collection, recruitment practices, education received by Halifax Transit staff, overload concerns, preventable collision data, service demand increases, ferry staffing shortages, safety and security initiatives, customer service calls, ongoing maintenance contracts, electric vehicle roll out and Minh Tan's presentation at the March 28, 2024 Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Road Safety Strategy: The Way Forward

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 14, 2024
- Correspondence from Norm Collins, Talan Iscan, Bill Campbell, Lui Greco, Stephen Chisholm, Martyn Williams, Jen Parker and Jordan Torrealba
- Staff presentation dated April 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Road Safety Strategy 2024, included in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 14, 2024 and endorse the vision and goal identified; and**
- 2. Direct staff to provide annual reports to the Transportation Standing Committee regarding the actions of the Road Safety Program and the Road Safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) identified in the attached Road Safety Strategy in the staff report dated March 14, 2024.**

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management gave a presentation.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Transportation Standing Committee extend the time of the meeting past 3:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Pitts and Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services & Road Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Committee regarding stakeholder engagement, data concerning serious injury, per capita metrics, time sensitivity considerations, transportation infrastructure considerations in the development process and the Road Safety Strategy's stated vision and goal for the Road Safety Program.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the motion be deferred to a future meeting of Transportation Standing Committee for review by key stakeholder groups and the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public as follows:

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated April 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated April 11, 2024; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated April 11, 2024 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 23, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

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Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant