



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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon

STAFF: Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works
Chris Giddens, Managing Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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 1:01 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 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 – June 19, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of June 19, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 16.1 – Councillor Mason – 320 route through Fall River

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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 – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items 14.2 and 14.3.

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

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Councillor Purdy

Councillor Purdy submitted a petition from residents of Colby Drive regarding the traffic islands with approximately 71 signatures requesting the removal of the traffic islands on Colby Drive.

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alan Borenstein, Halifax spoke about the removal of cars on Spring Garden Road to encourage more foot traffic and retail opportunities, and urged the Committee to prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users by installing sidewalks, bus lanes and bike infrastructure across the city.

Stephen MacKay, Bike Mayor of Halifax spoke about the bike lane project on Coburg Road, increased traffic in the area, and the Municipality focusing on the implementation of pedestrian infrastructure.

Dr. Magda Barnard, Halifax provided a handout to the Committee and spoke about the bike lane project on Coburg Road, urging the Committee to pause the project to reevaluate and reconsider the growth, safety and traffic impacts.

Walter Strachan, Halifax spoke about the removal of traffic islands on Colby Drive and their replacement with cheaper and safer solutions for traffic calming.

William Breckenridge, Halifax spoke about the bike lane project on Coburg Road and the need for communication with residents on the status of the project.

Ben Hammer, Ecology Action Centre spoke about the bike lane project on Coburg Road, the Municipality's commitments to HalifACT, and the Integrated Mobility and Active Transportation Priorities Plans. Hammer also spoke to Halifax Transit's budget and increased ridership. Hammer suggesting the incorporation of retirement and resignation data points and average wage per service hour in future key performance indicator reports. Hammer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Chris Geroux, Halifax spoke about the multi-use pathway on Coburg Road and highlighted its importance in decreased emissions in relation to HalifACT and the Integrated Mobility Plan.

Kevin Wilson, Halifax spoke in support of the active transportation project on Coburg Road and connecting the Halifax greenway and the South end of Halifax.

Talan Iscan, Halifax Cycling Coalition spoke in support of the multi-use pathway on Coburg Road and noted the lack of safe and affordable transportation options in the city.

Matt Stickland, District 2 spoke about the delay of the Spring Garden Road transit-only pilot and the Colby Drive traffic islands, suggesting the Committee amend the motion to give additional instruction to staff to investigate the redesign of the street to consider public safety first and transit first options.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Halifax Transit 2023-24 Q4 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff information report dated June 12, 2024
- Staff presentation dated July 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee accept the staff report dated June 12, 2024 and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Victoria Pierce–Goodland, Director Employee Support & Development and Philip Herritt, Acting Executive Director, Halifax Transit gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Councillor Cleary

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Extract from the June 19, 2024 Transportation Standing Committee draft minutes

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that examines revisions to residential parking permits that would charge differential fees based on length or weight of the vehicle, with higher fees for longer vehicles.

Councillor Cuttall proposed that 'or weight' be removed from the motion. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion 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 examines revisions to residential parking permits that would charge differential fees based on length of the vehicle, with higher fees for longer vehicles.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 Councillor Cleary

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Extract from the June 19, 2024 Transportation Standing Committee draft minutes
- Correspondence from Martyn Williams

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report looking at adjustments to signs and signals that would truly prioritize pedestrians on streets that are designated as pedestrian-oriented mainstreets in our land use planning documents.

Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services and Road Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.3 Councillor Purdy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Extract from the June 19, 2024 Transportation Standing Committee draft minutes
- Correspondence from Dan and Sharon Parks

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to consider amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming to remove Clause 28-B, to enable the removal of existing traffic calming islands on Colby Drive, to be replaced with speed tables, as described in Option B of the staff report dated March 12, 2024, in the 2025/2026 capital budget.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to request that the staff report outline potential amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming, and specifically, to Sections 27, 28 and 29 related to “Removal of Traffic Calming Measures.”

Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works and Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services and Road Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

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 Outhit, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The question was called on the amendment:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the motion be amended to request that the staff report outline potential amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming, and specifically, to Sections 27, 28 and 29 related to “Removal of Traffic Calming Measures.”

MacIntyre responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report that outlines potential amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming, and specifically, to Sections 27, 28 and 29 related to “Removal of Traffic Calming Measure.”

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS

16.1 Councillor Mason – 320 route through Fall River

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report regarding potential re-routing of the 320 to stop in the core of Fall River on Highway 2 near the Fall River Road in intersection using a new route via the soon to open Aerotech connector and Highway 112 Exit 14.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 29, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant