



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 11, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor John Young

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit Services
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
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.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Standing Committee agreed to begin the meeting with Councillor Cleary acting as Chair.

Councillor Cleary, Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 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.

1.1 Annual Election of Chair

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Councillor Austin be nominated Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Austin was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Purdy

THAT Councillor Austin be appointed Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Austin was declared the Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Austin assumed the Chair.

1.2 Annual Election of Vice Chair

Councillor Austin called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Councillor Morse be nominated Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Morse was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT Councillor Morse be appointed Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Morse was declared the Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 29, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the minutes of August 29, 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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martyn Williams, Halifax spoke to developing a specific vulnerable road user safety action plan as outlined in their handout provided on file.

Humayara Tasnim, Halifax spoke to their experience using Halifax Transit as outlined in their handout provided on file. Tasnim asked for transit improvements to reduce traffic and carbon emissions.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Transportation Standing Committee Councillor Nominations and Appointments

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated December 3, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Nominate one (1) Councillor from the members of the Transportation Standing Committee, for appointment by Halifax Regional Council, to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association for a term to November 2026; and**

- 2. Appoint one (1) Councillor from the members of the Transportation Standing Committee to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Young

THAT Councillor Morse be nominated to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Councillor Purdy be nominated to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association.

A vote was taken by secret ballot to nominate one member to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association. Councillor Morse was declared the successful nominee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Councillor Austin be appointed to serve on the Executive Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Councillor Young be appointed to serve on the Executive Standing Committee.

Councillor Austin withdrew their name from consideration to serve on the Executive Standing Committee.

The motion before the Standing Committee now read:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Nominate Councillor Morse from the members of the Transportation Standing Committee, for appointment by Halifax Regional Council, to serve on the Canadian Urban Transit Association for a term to November 2026; and**
- 2. Appoint Councillor Young from the members of the Transportation Standing Committee to serve on the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November 2026.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to be confirmed

The Chair confirmed the next meeting date was January 23, 2025.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants