



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
March 27, 2025**

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

REGRETS: Councillor John Young

STAFF: Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Simon Ross Seigel, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:12 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 – February 27, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the minutes of February 27, 2025 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 – Update on Robie Street Corridor

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Ashleigh Boers, Ecology Action Centre – Ferry Options

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated March 17, 2025
- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Devon Smith and Simone Mutabazi, Representatives of the Ecology Action Center gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Howard Epstein, Halifax spoke about the designated Robie Street transportation corridor planning process and the proposal to expand the street width to four lanes. Epstein expressed support for

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maintaining three lanes and maintaining the existing street width while accommodating dedicated transit routes. Epstein proposed considering design options which could include bidirectional traffic signals.

Peggy Cameron, Halifax spoke about the designated Robie Street transportation corridor planning process. Cameron expressed concerns regarding cost increases as well as the scope of subjects considered within the previous staff report.

Susan Bennett, Halifax, spoke about cycling safety and spoke regarding a particular incident involving a motor vehicle driving dangerously. Bennett spoke to the reporting process and lack of appropriate resolutions for incidents involving dangerous driving. Bennett spoke in favour of designing and implementing a bidirectional paved active transportation lane on Terminal Road.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS – NONE

13.1 STAFF

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff information report on parking enforcement capacity to respond to after hours calls related to illegal parking on transit routes in residential neighbourhoods.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on options for seasonal transit to a beach or beaches along the Eastern Shore.

Dave Reage, Executive Director Strategic Infrastructure and Transportation Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS

16.1 Update on Robie Street Corridor

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff information report on the Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor Project that provides an overview of the project origin, design options that have been considered, past Council direction, community engagement, project status, projected timeline for implementation, current budget commitments, and project risks.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

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18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 24, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel
Legislative Assistant