



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 17, 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Wayne Mason  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair

GUEST: Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit  
Brad Anguish, Director, Transportation and Public Works  
Colin Taylor, Solicitor  
Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

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*The meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee was called to order at 1:06 p.m.  
and adjourned at 3:53 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2020**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the minutes of February 27, 2020 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- 15.1 Crosswalk Flag Program Administrative Order
- 15.2 Pedestrian Push Buttons

Councillor Cleary requested to bring forward Information Item 2: Information report from Brad Anguish, P. Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works and Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer dated July 17, 2020 re: Establishing a Crosswalk Location on the Williams Porter Connector Road to the November 26, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority required.

**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**

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received from Bill Campbell, Erica Lewis, Martyn Williams, Dawn Rae Downton and Bob Haagensen, and Norm Collins. This correspondence was distributed to members of the Standing Committee.

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentations**

**10.3.1 Melanie Mclvor, Co-Chair of the Hubbards Streetscape Project**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A presentation dated September 17, 2020

- A handout

Melanie McIvor, Halifax Municipal Chair of the Hubbards Streetscape Project Committee, provided a presentation on the Hubbards Streetscaping Project.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- A strategic snapshot of goals and action items toward the creation of pedestrian friendly streets
- Information regarding the Onehubbards.org website launch
- Community fundraising strategies and next steps

Councillors noted that staff is preparing a forthcoming report on Rural Pedestrian Realm Programs currently which is aiming to return to the Transportation Standing Committee in Late January of 2021, and Councillors proposed to engage further with Melanie McIvor regarding this work.

The Chair thanked Melanie McIvor for the presentation.

## **11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

### **11.1 Councillor Nicoll – Strategic Road Safety Framework Annual Information Report**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated August 10, 2020
- A staff presentation dated September 17, 2020
- Correspondence from Bill Campbell and Norm Collins

Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management, and Jill Morrison, Program Engineer for Traffic Management, provided a staff presentation on the Strategic Road Safety Framework Annual Information Report and answered questions regarding traffic calming strategies, data collection, construction mitigation strategies, and other issues. Dean Simmonds, Superintendent with Halifax Regional Police, answered questions regarding traffic enforcement.

Brad Anguish, Director of Transportation and Public Works, stated in response to a question regarding updates to the red book concerning roads constructed by developers, that staff will seek to provide an update from Planning and Development staff. Brad Anguish proposed to bring back a prioritized list of traffic calming locations adjacent to schools as part of the annual budget.

The Chair thanked staff for the presentation.

### **11.2 Councillor Nicoll – Bi-Annual Transportation Standing Committee (TSC) Report**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated March 2, 2020

Councillors discussed the information item with Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management answering questions for Councillors. Regarding Leading Pedestrian Interval intersections, Taso Koutroulakis noted that staff intends to add ten new locations this year.

### **11.3 Councillor Nicoll – Restricting Right Turns on Red Lights**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated July 23, 2020
- Correspondence from Bill Campbell and Norm Collins

Councillors discussed the information item with Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management, and Roddy MacIntyre, Senior Traffic Operations Engineer, answering questions for Councillors.

#### **11.4 Councillor Cleary – Elimination of Pedestrian Push Button Requirement at Fully Signalled Intersections**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated July 19, 2020
- Correspondence from Bill Campbell

Councillors discussed the information item with Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management answering questions for Councillors.

#### **12. REPORTS – NONE**

#### **13. MOTIONS – NONE**

#### **14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

#### **15. ADDED ITEMS**

##### **15.1 Crosswalk Flag Program Administrative Order**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A Councillor Request Form

#### **Councillor Outhit assumed the Chair from Councillor Nicoll**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff recommendation report that follows up from Council's direction of December 12, 2017 and provides:**

- a. An update regarding the pilot testing of various products to enhance the visibility of crosswalks in HRM; and**
- b. Recommended next steps for the placement and administrative governance of crosswalk flags in HRM**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **15.2 Pedestrian Push Buttons**

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A Councillor Request Form

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to be completed within 120 days that outlines how, generally, pedestrian push buttons in the regional centre, the predominantly residential Transit Suburb areas of the attached map, and in other appropriate areas throughout HRM can be used to activate audible pedestrian beacons only and be prominently labelled as such with the work to be completed by September 2021.**

Councillor Mason stated that the intention of the motion is to support prioritizing pedestrian crossing design by recognizing that generally in most pedestrian areas, push buttons should activate audible pedestrian beacons only as opposed to other signalized pedestrian crossing beacons that do not prioritize pedestrian crossing.

Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic Management, answered questions for Councillors regarding the existing signalized infrastructure in the municipality. Brad Anguish, Director of Transportation and Public Works, answered questions regarding staff's ability to complete the proposed goals by September 2021.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## 16. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 16.1 Councillor Cleary

"Please take notice that I intend to bring a motion to the November 26, 2020 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to review and establish criteria for new marked crosswalks that shall account for:

- not just existing crossings but also projected crossing demand;
- that takes into account land uses, present and future demand;
- pedestrian compliance, speed, safety, and crash history;
- recognizes that the practice of discouraging pedestrian crossings by leaving uncontrolled crossings unmarked is not a valid safety measure; and
- prioritizes proximity to schools, school walking routes, parks, trails, and other active transportation facilities as critical pedestrian destinations."

## 17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Nicoll called for speakers. There were none present.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – November 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

## 19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant