



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 24, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Patty Cuttell

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Shawn Cleary

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk

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

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:52 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 – May 18, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of May 18, 2023 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 Cuttell requested that Information Item 2 – Strategic Road Safety Plan – 2023 Annual Report be brought forward at a future meeting.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Cuttell requested that Information Item 4 – Traffic Speed for School Zones – 30 kph be brought forward at a future meeting.

MOVED by councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the Committee requested Item 17 Public Participation be considered prior to convening into IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) to discuss LEGAL ADVICE.

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 Information Item 2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Safety Messaging for Shared Road Spaces

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present from Matt Stickland
- Presentation dated August 24, 2023

Matt Stickland, Halifax gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Summer Sunday Road Closures

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated August 8, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft amendments to S-300, the Streets By-law, to provide a clear process for requests for summer Sunday road closures on municipally owned roads, as outlined in the staff report dated August 8, 2023.

Lucas Pitts, Director of Traffic Management/Public Works responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Halifax Transit 2022/23 Q4 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 20, 2023
- Staff presentation dated August 24, 2023

Patricia Hughes, Director Planning & Customer Engagement gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification to Council from the Standing Committee.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Windsor Street Exchange Redesign

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee report dated June 15, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on the Windsor Street Exchange redesign to include:

- a. Separated and wide sidewalks;
- b. Separated and protected bicycle lanes;
- c. Dedicated transit-only lanes for people using public transit;
- d. Protected intersections that are safe for all vulnerable road users; and
- e. Design for 40 KPH traffic speeds.

Mike Connors, Manager, Strategic Transportation Planning Program responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Active School Travel

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee report dated July 20, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on HRM developing and adopting an Active School Travel (AST) policy and plan, including considerations of partnering with other stakeholder agencies and allocating funding for necessary education and infrastructure.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Councillor Cuttell

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Council Consideration form from Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to review HRM's Rural Transit Program to assess existing regional services, identifying gaps in regional service, conduct a rural/regional transit service need analysis, and identify and recommend potential rural transit models and opportunities, including aligning with the JRTA and connecting into the Halifax Transit network. Potential models should include looking at rural and regional transit through an equity and sustainability lens, as well as how inter-community regional transit can support goals of sustainable regional growth and development, rural economic development, and community and individual well-being.

Cathie O'Toole, Chief Administrative Officer and Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As provided for in section 90 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was separated for voting purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report to review HRM's Rural Transit Program to assess existing regional services, identifying gaps in regional service, conduct a rural/regional transit service need analysis.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to identify and recommend potential rural transit models and opportunities, including aligning with the JRTA and connecting into the Halifax Transit network. Potential models should include looking at rural and regional transit through an equity and sustainability lens, as well as how inter-community regional transit can support goals of sustainable regional growth and development, rural economic development, and community and individual well-being.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee convene into In Camera (In Private) to discuss LEGAL ADVICE.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Private and Confidential Information Items

1. Private and Confidential In Camera (In Private) Information – re: Property Matter

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 28, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Krista Vining
Acting Deputy Clerk