

Active Transportation Advisory Committee – Summary 2018

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee advises the Transportation Standing Committee on all matters relating to active transportation in the Municipality, using the Active Transportation Plan as a guide.

This summary is not an official record of all work and recommendations made in 2018. For more detail, please refer to the approved minutes available online at <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/agendas-meetings-reports>

February 15, 2018

The Committee received a presentation from Carolle Koziak Roberts on the Commons Master Plan Public Engagement and Planning Process, the Committee also received a staff update from David MacIsaac on potential AT projects and sidewalk renewal projects, in accordance, the Committee received two documents entitled *Capital Project Supplementary Report* for review.

The Committee reviewed the proposed motion submitted by Kelsey Lane regarding Snow Clearing Standards and Timelines and approved the following motion:

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report with recommendations on changes to snow clearing standards and timelines of active transportation infrastructure that reflect the prioritization of walking, cycling and transit made explicit in the integrated Mobility plan adopted in November 2017.

April 19, 2018

The Committee received a five-step staff presentation from David MacIsaac on staff's approach to infrastructure and planning processes for AT Plan and IMP implementation, followed by updates on projects staff are currently working on.

May 17, 2018

The Committee received a request for feedback from Kelsey Lane on the subject of "Ghost Bikes" in HRM and discussed the benefits and risks associated with the location and maintenance of "Ghost Bikes", especially as it relates to public safety, security and transit. The Committee endorsed the idea of the Halifax Cycling Coalition creating a web page to share and memorialize these sites and to create a database which would include key pieces of information around their installation. The Committee also reviewed the proposed Active Transportation Route through Dartmouth Common and discussed the challenges for bikes and pedestrians safely sharing the paths on the Dartmouth Common and the urban design challenges. The Committee provided suggestions for the use of signage and education for trail users and encouraged a context-specific look at the Dartmouth Common.

June 21, 2018

The Committee received correspondence from Eric Rapaport regarding updates on cycling infrastructure and protected improvements, David MacIsaac highlighted the Woodside-Mount Hope-Baker Drive link and the Eastern Passage project, the later, a priority in the Integrated Mobility Plan. Rapaport suggests that these projects reflect the ones presently installed on University Ave. and Rainnie Drive. The

Committee stated its' interested in tracking the progress on this work and requested that the Clerk reply to the correspondence and share this information. The Committee also received two presentations, the first from Amber Walker and Evan Brown from the Nova Scotia Health Authority on Active Transportation Health Indicators Project and the second, was a presentation from Courtney McCarthy, WSP, on Halifax Urban Greenway Functional Planning.

September 20, 2018

The Committee received an update from Eliza Jackson on their ATAC new role as planner with the Active Transportation Group and provided an update on various Active Transportation Initiatives. The Committee tabled a concern about distracted drivers and their impact on users of Active Transportation, and as a result requested the LA to invite HRP to present next meeting. The Committee also received a brief presentation from Dave MacIsaac on the Barrington Street Greenway Extension.

October 18, 2018

The Committee received an update from David MacIsaac on the projects and plans from Active Transportation and a presentation from Mark Nener on ATAC Bikeways - Downtown and Almon Street. The Committee discussed the feasibility of lowering speed limits below 50 km/hr.

November 15, 2018

The Committee received a presentation on Distracted Driver's Impacts on Active Transportation from Scott MacDonald and James Butler; MacDonald and Butler answered questions and provided the Committee with some additional information on specific topics of interest, for example, cross walk safety.