



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 21, 2018**

PRESENT: Eliza Jackson, Chair
David Jackson, Vice Chair
Elizabeth Pugh
Ella Dodson
Jillian Banfield
Peter Fritz
Emily Miller
Ben Buckwold
Megan Doucette
Councillor Sam Austin

REGRETS: Ian Watt
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor
Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2018

MOVED by Emily Miller, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of May 17, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by David Jackson, seconded by Meghan Doucette

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. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE****7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS****7.1 Correspondence****7.1.1 Correspondence received from Eric Rapaport, dated June 21, 2018.**

Dave MacIsaac provided an update on cycling infrastructure and protected improvements. They are presently focusing on the Woodside-Mount Hope-Baker Drive link. The Eastern Passage project is being planned for 2019 and has been identified as a priority corridor in the Integrated Mobility Plan. MacIsaac noted that the bollards suggested in the correspondence would be like the ones presently installed on University Ave. and Rainnie Drive. The Committee is interested in tracking the progress on this work.

The Chair requested that the Clerk reply to the correspondence and share this information.

7.2 Petitions- None**7.3 Presentations****7.3.1 Active Transportation Health Indicators Project- Amber Walker, NSHA**

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation dated June 21, 2018.

Amber Walker and Evan Brown from the Nova Scotia Health Authority made a presentation to the Committee. They reviewed the role of public health; positive health outcomes for individuals and the population as a whole were highlighted. They reviewed the project approach taken, naming the groups and organizations involved in the working group and the specific data partners and sources used. The framework supporting the project involves: investment, infrastructure and information. The project found there were 40 indicators identified for monitoring, 28 of which provided baseline data. Key health findings were shared as well as other findings and take-aways. The presentation concluded with suggestions of future work.

7.3.2 Halifax Urban Greenway Functional Planning- Courtney McCarthy, WSP

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation dated June 21, 2018.

Courtney McCarthy from WSP defined the Halifax Urban Greenway as the proposed connection between the Chain of Lakes Trail and Point Pleasant Park. They reviewed the project background, sharing the planning context and related maps. McCarthy focused on the alignment of the Greenway Trail and shared detail of the four (4) sections: Pinehill Drive to Oakland Road; Beaufort Ave, Inglis Street to Regina Terrace; Oxford Street and Coburg Road to Jubilee Road. A fifth section is being considered, Jubilee Road to Flynn Park, as the next area of focus. The next step will be to complete a draft assessment report with the final report being ready in the fall of 2018.

Detail of the project can be found on the Shape Your City website with a public survey open until June 29th.

The Committee noted that it is important to consider accessibility in the design with particular attention to slopes and surfaces. Planning is looking for easements in specific areas or to acquire surplus lands from CN to address the challenge with CN's policy of "no trails on CN property". It was confirmed that the existing multi-use look and widths would continue in new sections of the trail. The detail of widths, buffers and surfaces was reviewed. It was noted that 10 parking spaces on Coburg would be affected. The Committee shared that a width of 2.5 m. can create challenges for bikes and pedestrians passing one another. An option of having bikes on one side and pedestrians on the other could be considered.

8. REPORTS/ UPDATES/ DISCUSSION

8.1 Discussion- None

8.2 Updates:

8.2.1 Staff:

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor, provided an update on the work being done by his department:

- 2018 Bike and Greenway Map released
- Just about to begin planning for the north end and west end local street bikeway
- Continue to rate new sidewalks
- Working on a project to improve walkways in Lower Sackville. This is a pilot project to determine approach and scope to rehabilitate all walkways.
- Monitoring of current and future planned bike routes underway in a number of areas
- Peninsula bike screenline conducted.
- Work on final details for the design of South Park Bike Lane
- Almon Street functional planning/design underway. Not clear yet if it will be a late 2018 build or an early 2019 build.
- Co-ordinating 2018 installs of bike racks
- Bike Week is over and was successful. A full report will come to ATAC in a future meeting.
- Downtown Bikeway functional planning close to completion.
- Planning, detailed design and property negotiations underway for Dartmouth Harbourfront
- Providing information and support for Gaetzbrook, Sackville Greenway, Penhorn Greenway
- New share the pathway signage being developed, to be piloted at a minimum of two locations this year
- Woodside Greenway connection tendered and soon to be constructed.
- Developing an AT corridor from Elmsdale to Lower Sackville and Dartmouth with the Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society.

- Developing a program to foster Transit/AT integration. Includes reviewing and updating current bike locker program, monitoring bike rack use on busses and planning AT-Transit terminal connections.
- Pre-Local Street Bikeway baseline monitoring
- AT wayfinding on five facilities being developed currently
- Redbook update and review starting
- Working with Colliers PL on Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors
- Lucasville Greenway planning underway
- Project integration and planning for 2019 starting
- Currently nine staff reports due to Council or Transportation Standing Committee.

8.2.2 Committee Member Updates- None

9. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –July 19, 2018.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Sharon Chase
Legislative Assistant