



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 15, 2021**

PRESENT: Hugh Millward, Chair
Alison Carlyle
Milena Khazanavicius
Peter Zimmer
Ashleigh Boers
Andrew Taylor
Paul Berry
Elizabeth Pugh

REGRETS: Douglas Wetmore, Vice Chair
Myles McCormick
Councillor Becky Kent
Mohammad Ehsan

STAFF: Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. and the Committee adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged that we are on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 17, 2021

MOVED by Peter Zimmer, seconded by Milena Khazanavicius

THAT the minutes of June 17, 2021 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

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded by Milena Khazanavicius

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 – None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentations – None

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION/UPDATES

8.1 STAFF UPDATES

8.1.1 Update on the Active Transportation Grants Program

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated July 15, 2021

Emma Martin, Active Transportation Community Programs Coordinator, Project Planning and Design presented an update on the Active Transportation Grants Program and responded to questions.

Martin advised that the Municipality was exploring options to support stakeholders with education and promotion. The Municipality was also working with the Province of Nova Scotia to reduce red tape and support the sustainability of active transportation infrastructure.

The Committee asked for maps or other information regarding Municipal trails and their locations, to which staff confirmed would be provided.

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor, provided the following updates to the Committee:

- The Dartmouth North functional plan was in process;
- Public engagement for the Africville and East Preston projects would commence as COVID-19 restrictions ease;
- The restart midtown bikeways planning project was underway;
- Finishing work was being done on the North Preston and Lucasville functional plans;
- The Halifax side of MacDonald bridge bikeway connector project was almost ready for tender;
- A new accessible access point was being constructed for the Sackville Greenway;
- Work was being done on the crossing at Allen and Oxford;
- Design work was being done on the Almon Street AAA bikeway; and
- Construction for the Dahlia/Oak local street bikeway was set to start in about a month.

MacIsaac advised that with respect to the Allen and Oxford crossing, the existing pushbutton would become a half signal, and when activated cars would get a red ball to stop. Bump outs were being added and cars would not be able to drive straight through the intersection.

Elizabeth Pugh advised that the Department of Transportation was working on a connector road between Aerotech Drive and Trunk 2. A multi-use path would be constructed beside the connector road and design plans were almost finished.

8.2 Committee Members

8.2.2 Paul Berry re: Proposed Community-Based Wilderness Stewardship Initiative and Active Transportation

The following was before the Committee:

- Handout entitled: proposal regarding community-based wilderness stewardship in HRM

Paul Barry provided an update on the proposal for the community-based wilderness stewardship in HRM, explaining that the stewardship not only helps to preserve physical space, it helps to educate users on proper use and etiquette. Preserving wilderness was good for biodiversity, combating climate change and mental health. Stewards would engage public and provide education as well as address problems with users.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – August 19, 2021

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support