



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 1, 2018**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice-Chair  
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Richard Zurawski

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Outhit, Chair

**STAFF:** Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit  
Colin Taylor, Solicitor  
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

*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 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 10:47 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Nicoll, Vice Chair called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Cleary provided the following Notice of Motion:

“TAKE NOTICE, that at the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee to be held on February 22, 2018, I intend to move a motion that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report with recommendations on changes to snow clearing standards and timelines of active transportation infrastructure, given that the Integrated Mobility Plan that was adopted in November 2017 explicitly prioritizes walking, cycling, and transit over private vehicles”.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

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

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **4. REPORTS**

### **4.1 Councillor Nomination to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 15, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee nominate Councillor Shawn Cleary to fill an unexpired term to November 30, 2018 for consideration by Halifax Regional Council.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **4.2 Transit Priority Corridors: Gottingen Street / Bayers Road**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 25, 2018
- Correspondence from Patricia Cuttell Busby, Ella W. Dodson, Matt Neville

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:**

**1. Proceed with detailed design of a dedicated northbound bus lane on the Gottingen Street corridor, including a Parking Loss Mitigation Plan which includes engagement with the public and stakeholders, and return to Council with a recommendation prior to tendering the project.**

**2. Proceed with detailed design of dedicated bus lanes in both directions on the Bayers Road corridor, including reconfiguration of the Halifax Shopping Centre intersection.**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer consideration of recommendation number one of the January 25, 2018 staff report to the February 22, 2018 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee to be held on February 22, 2018.**

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council proceed with the detailed design of dedicated bus lanes in both directions on the Bayers Road corridor, including reconfiguration of the Halifax Shopping Centre.**

Mike Connors, Program Engineer, provided a presentation with respect to the Bayers Road Corridor.

In response to concerns raised by the Transportation Standing Committee Erin Blay, Supervisor, Service Design and Projects provided clarification on peak-time ridership on Gottingen Street.

Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit provided clarification with respect to snow removal along Halifax Transit bus routes and terminals.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Edward Edelstein, of Halifax provided commentary with respect to the proposed Gottingen Street Transit Corridor expressing concern with the impacts on local businesses if its is adopted. Edelstein requested that Council review the ramp from Barrington Street to the Macdonald bridge to take the Bus pressure off Gottingen Street.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 22, 2018 – Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant