



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
March 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Becky Kent, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Paul Russell
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit

GUESTS: Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Lisa Blackburn
Councillor Lindell Smith

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation & Public Works
Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Taylor Collin, Municipal Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Liam Power, 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 1:01 p.m. and adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of February 25, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

15.1 Pedestrian Infrastructure Highway 101 Exit 2

Deletions - None

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT item 15.1 Pedestrian Infrastructure Highway 101 Exit 2 be added to the order of business.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT item 15.1 Pedestrian Infrastructure Highway 101 Exit 2 be deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

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

**8.1 Expanded 2021-22 Student Transit Pass Pilot Program – Supplementary Report
(i) 2021-2022 Student Transit Pass Pilot Program**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 9, 2021
- A supplemental staff recommendation report dated February 1, 2021

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant, noted the motion was revised from the original staff recommendation report and the revised recommendation needed to be put on the floor.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve the phased in Student Transit Pass Pilot Program as described in the report dated February 1, 2021, with Pilot Phase 1 expanded to include all students at each of the four identified schools in grades 9 through 12;**
- 2. Adopt By-law U-108, the purpose of which is to amend By-law U-100, the User Charges By-law, to enable the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program, as set out in Attachment C to the February 1, 2021 report.**

Erin Blay, Supervisor with Planning and Customer Engagement, answered Standing Committee questions.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – NONE

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Equitable Provision and Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices for Blind and Partially Sighted Persons – Milena Khazanavicius and Bernard Bessette

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A presentation from Milena Khazanavicius and Bernard Bessette dated March 25, 2021

Milena Khazanavicius and Bernard Bessette gave a presentation regarding the Equitable Provision and Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices for Blind and Partially Sighted Persons. The presentation concluded with several recommendations for the Standing Committee to consider regarding the operation and maintenance of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS). A copy of the presentation is on file.

Milena Khazanavicius and Bernard Bessette answered Standing Committee questions. The Standing Committee noted interest in many of the recommendations made by Khazanavicius and Bessette. The Standing Committee expressed a desire to bring these recommendations forward to the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for March 26, 2021 as this meeting includes a discussion of the Transportation and Public Works proposed 2021/22 business plan and budget.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the presentation be forwarded to the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for March 26, 2021 for the Budget Committee's consideration of Transportation and Public Works' proposed 2021/22 business plan and budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Herring Cove Road Functional Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 21, 2020
- A staff presentation dated March 25, 2021

Harrison McGrath, Program Engineer with Strategic Transportation Planning, gave a presentation regarding the project objectives, timelines, and current infrastructure of the Herring Cove Road Functional Plan. A copy of the presentation is on file

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Endorse the Herring Cove Road functional plan and further integrate with the recommendations of the recently approved Rapid Transit Strategy (2020);**
- 2. Initiate efforts to acquire property to widen various sections of Herring Cove Road to accommodate dedicated active transportation and transit infrastructure.**

McGrath answered Standing Committee questions and noted that a delayed decision on the motion would not impact the project's timeline.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer item 12.1.1 to the next regular meeting of Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Improvements on Devonshire Avenue

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 16, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to pursue improvements to Devonshire Avenue as described in the Discussion section of the March 16, 2021 report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

12.1.3 Presentation Regarding Potential Amendments to Traffic Calming Administrative Order

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated March 25, 2021

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT item 12.1.3 Presentation Regarding Potential Amendments to Traffic Calming Administrative Order be deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Pedestrian Infrastructure Highway 101 Exit 2

During the approval of the order of business, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 Councillor Mason

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, I intend to move the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report, to be completed prior to the start of 2022/23 budget discussion, that outlines options for a program for establishing protected left-turn movements and protected right-turn movements at signal controlled intersections. The program should prioritize high traffic and pedestrian volume intersections and high conflict intersections.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – A special meeting on or around April 15, 2021 and next regularly scheduled meeting on April 22, 2021.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Liam Power
Legislative Assistant