



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 27, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Iona Stoddard, Vice Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Paul Russell
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Wayne Mason, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Trish Purdy

STAFF: Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk

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The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m., and adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Kent, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Councillor Mason be nominated for Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

It was noted that Councillor Mason would accept the nomination for Chair.

Krista Vining called three times for any further nominations, there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason was declared Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

1.2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT Councillor Stoddard be nominated for Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Stoddard accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

Krista Vining called three times for any further nominations, there were none.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT nominations be closed.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Stoddard was declared Vice Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 25, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of November 25, 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

Earlier in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, the Standing Committee requested that item 1.1 Election of Chair and item 1.2 Election of Vice Chair be considered after item 12.3.1 Motion - Councillor Mancini.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, the Standing Committee requested that Information Item 1 – Information report dated January 10, 2022 re: 2021/22 Q2 Halifax Transit KPI Report be brought forward at the next Standing Committee meeting.

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 – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 12.1.2.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions

10.2.1 Clerks Office

The Acting Deputy Clerk submitted a petition from Steve MacKay with approximately 416 signatures asking that all-way stops be installed at any one or any combination of the following intersections:

- Robie Street & Stairs Street
- Robie Street & Stanley Street
- Robie Street & Columbus Street

and that stop bars be painted on all streets intersecting Robie Street from Stairs Street to Lady Hammond Road within two months of the petition being presented to the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the petition to the Traffic Authority for review and response.

Brad Anguish, Director of Planning and Development responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Derek Estabook, Heritage Gas Limited re: Hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation dated January 27, 2022
- Handout dated January 27, 2022

Derek Estabook and Jordan MacNeil, Heritage Gas Limited gave a presentation on the role for Hydrogen Fuel Cells to help achieve HRM's climate change goals and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Rural Active Transportation Program

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated December 2, 2021
- Staff presentation dated January 27, 2022

Megan Backos, Active Transportation Planner gave a presentation on the Rural Active Transportation Program. Backos, Andre MacNeil, Senior Financial Consultant, Brad Anguish, Director Transportation and Public Works, David MacIsaac, Manager Active Transportation and David Hubley, Manager Design and Construction responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

- 1. Create a program to establish a Rural Active Transportation Program that focusses on rural community centre sidewalks and incorporates a prioritization framework, a funding strategy, a ten-year target and an approach for operations and maintenance, as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated December 2, 2021;**
- 2. Prepare amendments to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan as discussed in the Discussion section to include a list of “Candidate Rural Communities and Spines” to help prioritize rural active transportation infrastructure expansion and return to Council for consideration of the resulting amendments; and**
- 3. Pursue funding option three (as described in the Discussion section) to cover HRM's cost of rural sidewalks and, in support of this, return to Council with recommended**

amendments to the Community Area Rates Administrative Order 2019-005-ADM to allow an area rate to be levied on suburban and rural areas for rural sidewalks (on the entire community). The proposed area rate would not be based on the full operating and capital costs of the proposed project, but rather the difference between the urban general tax rate and the suburban/rural general tax rate; any remaining balance would be funded through the general tax rate.

It is further recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Commission a letter from the Mayor to other orders of government advising of the new Rural Active Transportation Program and requesting opportunities for cost-sharing; and
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or their designate, to negotiate and enter into one or more agreements, and any amendments to those agreements, with the Province of Nova Scotia respecting the construction, operation, and maintenance of AT facilities in the provincial right-of-way.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Implementation of Regional Centre AAA Bicycle Network: Almon Street Segment

The following was before Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 17, 2022
- Staff presentation dated January 27, 2022
- Correspondence from Bill Campbell, Walk 'n Roll Halifax, Ellen Riopelle, Halifax Cycling Coalition

Mark Nener, Active Transportation Planner gave a presentation on the implementation of the Regional Centre AAA Bike Network Almond Street segment.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the installation of 0.9 km of bicycle facilities and related changes to the right-of-way on Almon Street from Windsor Street to Gottingen Street as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated January 17, 2022.

Nener responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Potential Expansion of Rainbow Crosswalk Program

The following was before Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 17, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

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

1. Allocate funding from the current Transportation and Public Works operating budget to be used for a special installation, and on-going maintenance, of Pan-African crosswalk art at the marked crosswalk at Cherry Brook Road and Highway 7 and at Maclaughlin Road and

Highway 7 as per the financial implications section of the staff report dated December 14, 2021; and

2. Explore expanding the current Rainbow Crosswalk Program, using the same design as the rainbow crosswalks, into a pilot program that will enable the painting of Pan-African colours on existing marked crosswalks in historic African Nova Scotian communities.

Roddy MacIntyre, Senior Traffic Operations Engineer and Brad Anguish, Director Transportation and Public Works responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Active Transportation Connection between Westmount Plains Subdivision and Old Lawrencetown Road

The following was before Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated January 17, 2022

David MacIsaac, Supervisor Active Transportation gave an update on the active transportation connection between Westmount Plains subdivision and Old Lawrencetown Road and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer, under the Regional Plan review, to pursue the planning of an active transportation connection between the Westmount Plains subdivision and the Old Lawrencetown Road Greenway as part of potential secondary planning for this area.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Councillor Mancini – Limousine Licencing in HRM

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Standing Committee consideration form from Councillor Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report on the possible amendments for by-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies and Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation to allow luxury passenger vans to be operated as limousines.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 24, 2022

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Krista Vining
Acting Deputy Clerk