



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 23, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard, Vice Chair
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Councillor Becky Kent
Councillor Paul Russell

STAFF: Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Public Works
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Eric Bowdridge, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., the Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:15 and reconvened at 2:18 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 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.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May, 26, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard.

THAT the minutes of May 26, 2022 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 Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

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

General correspondence was received and circulated.

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 10.3.2 and 12.1.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Micro-Mobility and Vulnerable Road Users

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation dated May 19, 2022

Peter Zimmer gave a presentation on micro-mobility and vulnerable road users and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Commit to Act Streets for Life Week of Action

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation dated June 23, 2022
- Correspondence from Martyn Williams

Martyn Williams gave a presentation on updating the Road Safety Framework 2018.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Bilingual Stop Signs on HRM Owned Streets

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated May 4, 2022.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Endorse the letter of support template, included in Attachment 1, to be used to indicate support for communities and / or groups in HRM that wish to apply to have bilingual (English / French) stop signs installed on Provincial roads within the Municipality as part of the Provincial funding program;**
- 2. Support Option 3, a targeted approach to replace existing stop signs with bilingual (English/French) stop signs on HRM owned streets in communities, neighbourhoods or near facilities identified by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion/ANSAIO through consultation with communities, as being established Acadian / francophone communities or are of demonstrated importance to the Acadian / francophone social, linguistic, and cultural identity; and**
- 3. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support, included in Attachment 3, to the Province in support.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Crosswalk Flag Program AO – Testing Products and Governance

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated June 3, 2022
- Correspondence from Norm Collins

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt Administrative Order 2022-006-OP, the *Placement of Crosswalk Flags Administrative Order*, as set out in Attachment 1 of this report; and**

- 2. Adopt By-law S-313, amending By-law S-300, the *Streets By-law*, as set out in Attachment 3 of this report.**

Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services and Road Safety responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason stepped down from the Chair at 1:35 and Councillor Stoddard assumed the Chair.

12.1.3 Protected Turn Movements for Pedestrian Safety

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated June 13, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council

direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Prioritize evaluation of protected only left turns at the signalized intersections identified in the recommendations of the MicroTraffic report;**
- 2. Prioritize evaluation of protected left and/or right turns at high vehicle and pedestrian volume signalized intersection locations in the next phase of the Strategic Road Safety Plan; and**
- 3. Identify resource requirements (staffing, software, etc.) associated with implementing a protected only turn program for signalized intersections**
Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management, Deputy Traffic Authority responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Jill Morrison, Supervisor, Traffic Services, Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services and Road Safety and Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Public Works responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason resumed the Chair at 2:01.

12.1.4 Evaluation of Updated 2008 HRM Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated June 13, 2022

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

- 1. Maintain the current 2008 HRM Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy;**

2. Increase collaboration between Business Units and Corporate Fleet to identify and reduce idling; and
3. Continue supporting HalifACT, which includes commitments for achieving net zero emissions by 2030 for municipal operations by transitioning to electric vehicles (EVs), switching to clean and reliable energy sources and reducing energy use in buildings, lighting, fleet, waste and water operations.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedures of the Council, Chair Mason requested that Item 15 – Added items, 16 – Notices of motion, 17 – Public participation and 18 – Date of next meeting – July 28, 2022 be considered prior to item – 14 in camera (in private).

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT Transportation Standing Committee convene to In Camera (In Private) to discuss Item 14.1 PERSONNEL MATTER.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private) and ratified in public as follows:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated June 15, 2022; and
2. Direct that the staff report dated June 15, 2022 be maintained as private and confidential.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

In Camera Information Items – None

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Norm Collins encouraged having public participation before staff items on the agenda. Collins presented on benefits of adopting the Administrative Order 2022-006-OP regarding choices for community and commented on the need for additional flagged crossings and that flags give a sense of security letting persons think of their safety before crossing.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 28, 2022

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19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Eric Bowdridge
Legislative Assistant