



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
September 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Iona Stoddard, Vice Chair
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Paul Russell

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Becky Kent

STAFF: Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning and Development
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.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 THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

4. Spring Garden Road Transit-Only Pilot Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated September 9, 2022
- Staff presentation dated September 13, 2022
- Correspondence from Andre Saliba, David Zitner and Norm Collins

Mike Connors, Strategic Planning Transit Program, Planning & Development gave a presentation on the Spring Garden Road Transit-Only Pilot Project.

Councillor Wayne Mason stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Iona Stoddard assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Rescind Regional Council's approved resolution from December 7, 2021 directing the Chief Administrative Officer to *"proceed with a year-long daytime transit priority corridor pilot project on Spring Garden Road between South Park Street and Queen Street during the hours of 7a.m. – 8 p.m., starting June 2022"*; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to complete an operational review to investigate additional traffic control measures and other operational needs that are required to operate a transit priority corridor pilot project on Spring Garden Road between South Park Street and Queen Street and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with a recommended implementation approach for the pilot project.**

Mike Connors, Manager, Strategic Planning Transit Program, Planning & Development and Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning and Customer Engagement, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

- 1. To implement the approach for the pilot project for a spring of 2023.**

Councillor Mason proposed “a recommended implementation approach by February 2023 for the pilot project for a spring of 2023 implementation”. As provided for in section 53(2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

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MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

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MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Mason resumed as Chair.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Catie Campbell
Legislative Assistant