



**BUDGET COMMITTEE
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
March 10, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell, Chair
Mayor Mike Savage
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit
Councillors: Cathy Deagle Gammon
David Hendsbee
Becky Kent
Trish Purdy
Sam Austin
Tony Mancini
Waye Mason
Lindell Smith
Shawn Cleary
Kathryn Morse
Patty Cuttell
Iona Stoddard
Pam Lovelace
Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer
Jane Fraser, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief Financial Officer
John Traves, Municipal Solicitor
Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk
Haruka Aoyama, 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 9:32 a.m., and recessed at 11:59 a.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 1:01 p.m. Budget Committee adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – February 17/19 and 24, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of February 17/19, 2021 and February 24, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

5. Halifax Transit

The following was before Budget Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 2, 2021
- A staff presentation dated March 10, 2021 entitled “Halifax Transit 2021/22 Budget & Business Plan”
- A staff memorandum dated March 10, 2021 entitled “Proposed Budget Adjustment List”
- Correspondence from Geoffrey Grantham and Sally Ravindra

Dave Reage, Executive Director of Halifax Transit provided an overview of Halifax Transit 2021/22 Budget & Business Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Budget Committee direct the CAO to incorporate the Halifax Transit proposed 2021/22 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the March 2, 2021 staff report and supporting presentation by staff, and with transit service modifications as proposed in the accompanying Annual Service Plan, into the Draft 2021/22 Operating Budget.

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT Budget Committee request a briefing note regarding residents’ concerns around the planned change to route 55 to service Craighburn Drive and outlining other options that were considered and may be considered in the area.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Smith

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

THAT Budget Committee request a briefing note regarding reinstatement of service to Everette St, Irving St and Franklyn St to offer rational, cost and impact on other routes.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT Budget Committee request a briefing note on the consultation, classification and communications to inform the scheduling change to route 415 and the cost implications for the addition of an additional later bus for route 415.

The Committee requested staff to include ridership data in a briefing note.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillors Smith, Mancini

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

That Budget Committee request a briefing note on how the park and ride service for District 12 can be improved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED. (14 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Outhit, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mason, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Lovelace, Blackburn, Russell

Against: Councillor Cleary

Not present: Councillors Smith, Mancini

The Committee voted on the main motion.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Mancini

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MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Not present: Councillor Mancini

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Iain MacLean
Municipal Clerk