



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 30, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Paul Russell

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Public Works/Traffic Authority/Chief Engineer
Dave Reage, Executive Director of Halifax Transit
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Elizabeth Macdonald, 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 1:00 p.m., and adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 – January 26, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the minutes of January 26, 2023 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

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Cleary requested that Item 12.1.3 - Spring Garden Road Transit Priority Corridor be considered prior to item 12.1.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION 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 – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Hammonds Plains Road and Lucasville Road – Supplementary Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 20, 2022
- Supplementary staff report dated March 8, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Outhit

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

- 1. Prioritize short-term operational improvements to the signalized intersection, including upgrades to the traffic controller cabinet and vehicle detection, along with updated signal timing plans; and**
- 2. Ensure appropriate, longer-term intersection modifications, including accommodation of pedestrians, cyclists, and transit, are appropriately planned for through the development review process.**

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Halifax Transit 2022/23 Q2 KPI Report

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff report dated February 9, 2023
- Staff presentation dated March 30, 2023

Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee accept the staff report dated February 9, 2023.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Spring Garden Road Transit Priority Corridor

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 28, 2023
- Staff presentation dated March 30, 2023

Jason Genée, Project Manager, Transit Planning, Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement and Hanita Klobents, Principal Planner, Strategic Transportation Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the implementation approach developed as described in the staff report dated March 28, 2023 for a transit priority corridor pilot project along Spring Garden Road, between South Park Street and Queen Street.

Superintendent Greg Mason, Halifax Regional Police and Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Public Works/Traffic Authority/Chief Engineer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer Item 12.1.3 Spring Garden Road Transit Priority Corridor to a future meeting and request a supplementary staff report investigating options that include physical barriers, information on impact on surrounding areas, pedestrian safety and consultation with local businesses.

Councillor Outhit proposed the addition of 'a communications plan and responses to concerns raised during the March 30, 2023 meeting'. 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 Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer item 12.1.3 to a future meeting and request a supplementary staff report investigating options that includes physical barriers and or signalization, information on impact on surrounding areas, tools for ensuring pedestrian safety, consultation with local businesses, a communications plan and responses to concerns raised during the March 30, 2023 meeting.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Councillor Cleary

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Committee Consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the development of a structured and proactive approach to plan, design, and evaluate infrastructure projects that is consistent with the objectives of the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP). This approach would be based on the Complete Streets hierarchy of priorities as outlined in the IMP's inverted triangle (IMP Pg. 56) for all complete streets infrastructure projects involving pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, goods movement, and transportation by private vehicle, with appropriate weight given to the equity servicing population as outlined in the IMP Pillars. It would also consider the type of street and its functional role as a 'Link' and/or 'Place' in the transportation network.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – December 15, 2022

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

THAT In Camera (In Private) minutes of December 15, 2022 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sue Uteck, Executive Director, Spring Garden Area Business Association spoke to the Spring Garden Road Transit Priority Corridor and requested the Standing Committee defeat the staff recommendation and cited several unresolved concerns from the July 2022 Spring Garden Road priority corridor pilot project not adequately addressed in the staff report dated March 28, 2023.

Bill Campbell, Director, Walk 'n Roll Halifax spoke to concerns regarding the Spring Garden Road Transit Priority Corridor, noting proposed barriers may obstruct crosswalks, sidewalks and pose problems for blind and partially-sighted residents. Campbell also suggested implementing an opening and closing barrier on Spring Garden Road similar to the one currently in place on Argyle Street and Prince Street.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 27, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant