



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 20, 2018**

PRESENT: David Jackson, Acting Chair
Ella Dodson
Ian Watt
Jillian Banfield
Peter Fritz
Sarah Manchon
Elizabeth Pugh
Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Lindell Smith

REGRETS: Emily Miller
Ben Buckwold
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor
Eliza Jackson, Active Transportation Planner
Sharon Chase, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 21, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Elizabeth Pugh

THAT the minutes of June 21, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

9.1 Barrington Street Greenway Extension

MOVED by Ella Dodson, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE****6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE****7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS- NONE****8. REPORTS/ UPDATES/ DISCUSSION****8.1 Staff Update****8.1.1 Active Transportation Group Update**

Eliza Jackson introduced their new role as a planner with the Active Transportation Group. Jackson shared that the Integrated Mobility Plan's 2nd quarter update is available online.

Jackson also provided an update on various Active Transportation initiatives:

- Construction started on Ahern bikeway
- Construction on Mount Hope multi use path
- Construction starting on Vernon St. local street bikeway next week
- Fall River bike lanes has been started
- Public engagement for North-End/West-End local street bikeway: October 23 and 25
- Downtown bikeways: just wrapping and developing final recommendation for facility
- Sackville Greenway: opening on the 29th of September
- St. Margaret's Bay Trail: just finished a major 3-year recapitalization (31 km of trail)
- Several new sidewalk projects under construction
- Monitoring:
 - Baseline monitoring happening for Vernon-Seymour/Allan-Oak local street bikeways
 - Planning for fall screenline count underway

- Three eco-counters are currently installed: on Rainnie, on the Commons at the multiuse path by the crosswalk at Welsford, multiuse path @ Windsor/Quingate connector
- Baseline bicycle traffic monitoring recently completed for North-End/West-End local street bikeway

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor, addressed questions about AT and access during the Cogswell Redevelopment Project. During construction there will be dedicated walking and biking connections, providing safe and connected access throughout the duration of the project. There will also be two travel lanes at all times. Plans will be monitored as they evolve and demand analysis will take place during the project. Integrated Mobility Plan objectives will be supported.

MacIsaac shared that the South Park Street project has had the budget and design approved and is ready to go. The Committee had a brief discussion about sidewalk reconstruction and rehabilitation. Widening of the sidewalk on Brunswick Street by the Central Library is tied to building construction and bikeway and complete street plans for the area. Ahern is presently a protected lane and multiuse pathway and will be converted, as part of the IMP upgrade to Bell Road and area. The Rainnie and Brunswick project is going forward to Regional Council. In about three weeks a consultant will be on board for the Africville AT project with public consultations on the Africville connection and Dutch Village Road connection taking place in the late fall or early next year. New sidewalks are planned in Burnside on Windmill and Victoria Roads. There are some challenges in this area to have a continuous sidewalk on one side and accessible transit stops. MacIsaac addressed a question about having sidewalks run through some parking lots in the industrial park. This would be the responsibility of the developer or owner and the concept is being encouraged for new developments. A protected lane is being developed considering all ages and abilities on Wyse Road between Albrow and Bolland with the designer factoring in transit and Sobeys. It was noted that AT is working with Winter Operations to identify and incorporate their needs and that the proposed Centre Plan may provide some opportunities.

8.1.2 Committee Appointments (expiring in November and renewal process)

The Legislative Assistant reviewed the status of Committee member's terms, noting that there are also two vacancies on the Committee to be filled. The deadline to apply is October 21, 2018. An election of Chair and Vice Chair will take place once the Committee has a full membership.

8.2 Committee Members

8.2.1 Distracted Driver's Impacts on Active Transportation

A Committee member had tabled a concern about distracted drivers and their impact on users of active transportation. Staff have reached out to Halifax Regional Police who have offered to attend a future meeting to provide some information and education around their efforts in this area. The Committee asked that the Legislative Assistant invite HRP to present at the next meeting.

Switch: Open Street will take place September 23, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. on Spring Garden Road.

Sackville Rivers Association will be hosting a Sackville Greenway event this month as well.

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Barrington Street Greenway Extension

Dave MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor, shared a short presentation. Maps were shown identifying the Greenway. The existing situation and conditions were reviewed along with the proposed functional design. It was noted that the Department of National Defence and the Port Authority have been both key stakeholders and great partners. This project coincides with the IMP priorities

including transit initiatives such as a queue-jumping lane and moving bus stops. It will also integrate with the Cogswell Redevelopment Project. A 5 km north/south connection could be achieved. There is a strategic transportation group working together to coordinate these projects. MacIsaac then shared the Regional Council motion which was passed on September 18, 2018.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 18, 2018

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Sharon Chase
Legislative Assistant