



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 21, 2019**

PRESENT: David Jackson, Chair
Jillian Banfield, Vice-Chair
Ella Dodson
Jessie Harlow
Kelsey Lane
Sarah Manchon
Emily Miller
Elizabeth Pugh
Councillor Sam Austin

REGRETS: Ben Buckwold
Peter Fritz
Paul Berry

STAFF: Julia Mills, Active Transportation Planner
Judith Ng'ethe, Legislative Assistant
Marina Kwak, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. and adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. in Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Emily Miller

THAT the minutes of October 17, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Ella Dodson, seconded by Kelsey Lane

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

7.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that the Committee received correspondence from Joanne Corbett on behalf of the Friends of Schmidville Heritage Community Group and Halifax Cycling Coalition and these items of correspondence were circulated to the Committee.

7.2 Petitions - None

7.3 Presentations - None

8. REPORTS/ DISCUSSION/ UPDATES

8.1 Staff

8.1.1 Staff Presentation on the Bedford-Sackville Greenway Corridor Project

The following was before the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

- A presentation by Ellen Dalton, Principal Project Engineer, DesignPoint Engineering and Surveying, on the Bedford-Sackville Greenway Corridor Project

The Chair invited Ellen Dalton to make a presentation. Dalton noted that currently, there are two existing greenway facilities connecting the communities of Bedford and Sackville; the Bedford-Sackville Connector Greenway and the Fort Sackville Walkway. Dalton informed the Committee that the objective of the project is to complete an audit of existing greenway facilities, identify improvements and extension options and develop a 30% design. Dalton gave an overview of the audit results and the results of the two rounds of public engagement. Dalton concluded the presentation by setting out the next steps, including

preparation of the report with recommended options and development of a 30% design of the two extensions.

Dalton responded to questions from the Committee regarding alternative highway crossing points, what making the trail a Triple 'A' facility would comprise of and paving of the trail and anticipated maintenance costs.

8.1.2 Staff Presentation on the Dutch Village Road Complete Streets Project

The following was before the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

- A staff presentation dated November 21, 2019

Leen Romaneh, Transportation Planner, Strategic Transportation Planning, provided a staff update on the Dutch Village Road Complete Streets Project. Romaneh gave a background of the project rationale, the existing conditions and the proposed changes, including an improved pedestrian realm and raised protected bicycle lanes on both sides of the street. Romaneh concluded the presentation by mentioning that the recommendation report will be forwarded to the Transportation Standing Committee and thereafter Regional Council in early 2020.

The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Consideration should be given to completing the bump out near the Common Roots farm at Bayers Road, as soon as possible
- Fine tuning of the proposed changes to the intersection is required
- Consideration should be given to paving the pathway to Shoppers Drug Mart at the Joseph Howe Drive and Bayers Road intersection

Romaneh responded to questions from the Committee and noted that cross rides will be considered as part of the detailed design stage.

8.1.3 Active Transportation Group Update

Julia Mills, Active Transportation Planner, provided a verbal update on work being undertaken by the Active Transportation Group noting that:

- On the Northend-Westend local street bikeway project, a series of pop-up engagement events have been hosted in each neighbourhood and a report on the feedback will be posted online in the coming weeks, with final recommended designs being submitted to Regional Council in early Spring, 2020
- On the mid-town bikeways project, the second round of public engagement will be undertaken in early 2020 and will provide an opportunity for comment on proposed designs for the Welsford and Bell Road transitions
- Engagement with the community will be undertaken on the Africville active transportation connections project with the aim of determining preferred options to develop walking and cycling facilities that connect destinations in the Africville National Historic Site to the municipal sidewalk and street network
- On the rural AT framework, whose main objective is to evaluate active transportation needs in rural communities, three consulting firms have been invited to submit requests for proposals which will be evaluated in the next week with a project kick-off anticipated in December, 2019
- On the Bayers Lake business park active transportation plan, developing a functional active transportation plan and 30% design, three consulting firms will be invited to submit cost proposals with the aim of having the successful consultant chosen in December, 2019 for an early 2020 project kickoff
- Round 1 of public engagement on the Peninsula South Complete Streets project is being finalized later in the week

- A consultant has been sourced to undertake the shared micromobility readiness study on the best approach to enabling, regulating, and delivering shared micromobility transportation options in Halifax
- An event is scheduled for the next week at Victoria Park Plaza, to celebrate the “re-opening” of the South Park Street bike lanes
- The final report on the Bedford-Sackville Greenway Corridor project report is scheduled for submission by January, 2020
- Bikeway connections are proposed on the Braemar Overpass over Highway 111 with the aim of providing connections from the existing painted bike lanes on Waverley Road to existing and potential upgrades to active transportation facilities on Prince Albert Road. Concept drawings of various cross sections are being developed.
- The active transportation capital budget plan is being developed for submission to Regional Council
- A survey has been sent out to community groups on updating of the Administrative Order on roles and responsibilities of community groups relating to active transportation

8.1.4 2020 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Sarah Manchon, seconded by Elizabeth Pugh

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee approve the proposed 2020 meeting schedule as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 8, 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.1.5 Committee Appointments Expiring November 30, 2019

The following was before the Committee:

- A memorandum dated November 7, 2019 re: Committee Appointments Expiring November 30, 2019

The Chair advised of the expiring terms and of the need to reapply.

8.2 Committee Members

8.2.1 Jillian Banfield – Improvements on Devonshire Avenue

MOVED by Jillian Banfield, seconded by Sarah Manchon

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report recommending improvements to Devonshire Avenue for the benefit of all users by applying a “Complete Streets” approach as outlined in the Integrated Mobility Plan, including upgrading the existing bike lanes, improving pedestrian crossings, reducing vehicle speeds and beautifying the neighbourhood.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. ADDED ITEMS—NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING— December 19, 2019 at Halifax, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax at 4:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 6:08 p.m.

Marina Kwak
Legislative Support