



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

PRESENT: Jessie Harlow, Chair
 Kate Sullivan, Vice Chair
 David Jackson
 Paul Berry
 Elizabeth Pugh
 Councillor Sam Austin
 Kelsey Lane
 Meaghan Doucette
 Allison Carlyle
 Andrew Taylor

STAFF: Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
 Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2020

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the minutes of February 20, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOVED by Kate Sullivan, seconded by Paul Berry

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

5. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

5.1 Correspondence - None

5.2 Petitions - None

5.3 Presentation – None

6. REPORTS

6.1 STAFF

6.1.1 Staff Update on Projects and Plans

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Manager spoke to some of the current functional planning projects and provided an update regarding the Integrated Mobility Plan's implementation of all ages and abilities (AAA) bikeways was provided.

Some of the impacts Covid-19 has had on the active transportation group include:

- Some capital projects being deferred;
- Some of the group's resources being dedicated to HRM's mobility response;
- Public engagement for functional planning is now online;
- Budget impacts; and
- Trails are being used more as a result of the pandemic.

Some of the projects being readied for 2021 include:

- The Wyse Road protected bike lane;
- Enhancements to the Allan, Vernon and Seymour bikeway;
- Terminal road protected bike lanes; and
- Dahlia local street bikeway.

It was noted that multi-use pathways, local street bikeways and protected bike lanes now have upgraded service standards for winter works and faster clearing of bus stops is being looked at. A copy of the presentation is on file.

In response to a question raised, staff provided clarification on the definition of tactical projects and stated some of the delays were due to some projects being contingent upon others, as well as unforeseen complications and challenges.

6.1.2 Dahlia-Oak-Crichton Active Transportation Connections Planning Project

Siobhan Witherbee, Active Transportation Planner gave an overview of the Dahlia-Oak-Crichton Active Transportation Connections Planning Project. The goal is an all ages and abilities (AAA) bikeway that appeals to the greatest amount of people. Witherbee discussed options for appropriate crossing treatments.

Courtney McCarthy of WSP explained that time is of the essence for this project as the targeted start for construction was 2021.

There have been two rounds of public engagement. The first round was to gauge the preferred routing option and the second round was to present the concept options for crossings at each intersection and to receive feedback. Feedback from the public included the following:

- Rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) with bike actuation was desirable;
- Agreement with the removal of a mature tree at Oak Street and Crichton Avenue;
- In favour of the Sullivan's Pond Park connection;
- Would like to see AAA crossing treatments at the major intersections.

Some things being considered was the feasibility of installing a sidewalk on Oak Street and/or Crichton Avenue, as well as the need for a formal crossing from Victoria Road into the Dartmouth commons.

The preferred routing option was Dahlia Street rather than Tulip Street as this route is more direct, less steep and more comfortable for walking, rolling and cycling. Staff is working on having one of the gates opened from Dahlia Street to the Dartmouth Commons for easy access. A copy of the presentation is on file.

In response to the presentation the Committee noted the following:

- The gate being left open to the Dartmouth Commons could cause friction between walkers and cyclists;
- There tends to be a lot of vehicles speeding along Pine Street and Dahlia Street;
- It was questioned why two marked crosswalks on Crichton Avenue were being replaced with just one;
- This would be an improvement to the area; and
- A stop sign on Pine Street at the intersection of Dahlia Street and Pine Street is desirable.

Staff noted that Pine Street was on the list for traffic calming but poses challenges due to the steep grade. It was further noted that having two crosswalks that close together is not ideal and the public wanted a crosswalk closer to Dahlia Street rather than Oak Street. A copy of the presentation is on file.

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded Jesse Harlow

THAT Active Transportation Advisory Committee defer Items 6.1.3, 6.1.4 and 6.1.5 to the next meeting of the Committee due to time constraints.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6.1.3 Roles and Responsibilities for HRM on Provincially Owned Corridors of the Active Transportation Network

This matter was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

6.1.4 Halifax's COVID-19 Mobility Response Plan

This matter was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

6.1.5 Proposed 2021 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

This matter was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded by Councillor Austin

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee re-schedule their December 17, 2020 meeting to December 10, 2020.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support