



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2021**

PRESENT: Kate Sullivan, Chair
Hugh Millward, Vice Chair
Councillor Becky Kent
Elizabeth Pugh
Kelsey Lane
Alison Carlyle
Andrew Taylor
Milena Khazanavicius
Douglas Wetmore
Myles McCormick
Meghan Doucette

REGRETS: Paul Berry

STAFF: Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2020

MOVED by Andrew Taylor, seconded by Myles McCormick

That the minutes of December 10, 2020 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Kelsey Lane, seconded by Elizabeth Pugh

That the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 2021 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Andrew Taylor, seconded by Milena Khazanavicius

That the Active Transportation Advisory Committee schedule their March 2021 meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7.1 Correspondence - none

7.2 Petitions - None

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION/UPDATES

8.1.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Orientation

Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant, presented the Committee orientation and spoke to the role of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee provides recommendations to the Transportation Standing Committee who provides a recommendation to Regional Council. This Committee does not have decision making power it acts in an advisory capacity only.

Lovasi-Wood went through role of the chair and legislative assistant. Lovasi-Wood further spoke to quorum, *Administrative Order 1*, passing motions and walked the Committee through a mock meeting. A copy of the staff presentation is on file.

8.1.2 Staff Update of Projects and Plans

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David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor, Project Planning & Design, plans and implements the active transportation capital budget. Some functional plans in the works include:

- Active transportation plan for Bayers Lake Business Park;
- Working on a gap on Pleasant Street which will be coming for public engagement; and
- Considering potential bikeway options for University Avenue, Morris Street and a segment of Robie Street which will also be coming for public engagement.

Under the Community Active Transportation Grants Program, requests for proposals from community groups for capital and recapitalization projects have been issued.

An education and promotion grants program is being launched in the spring, a webinar will be hosted prior to the launch and the Committee will be made aware of the details for participation.

A collaboration with the Province is currently being worked on regarding the Shearwater Flyer which is owned by the Province and maintained by the Cole Harbour Parks & Trails Association, who wish to have ATV use restricted. The Province is doing public engagement regarding the future uses of the Shearwater flyer. The Department of Lands and Forestry is the body who makes the decisions regarding ATV use.

Bike share and shared micro-mobility is being looked at and some recommendations will be made to Council. Some ongoing reports include:

- Asking Regional Council to allow HRM to take on operation/maintenance of 3 active transportation facilities, St. Margarets Bay area Rails to Trails, Beechville, Lakeside Timberlea trail and the Shearwater Flyer;
- Dahlia, Oak and Crichton local street bikeway;
- An active transportation crossing of Highway 101 at Exit 2, the Beaver Bank Road exit;
- Rural active transportation program; and
- Potentially extending active transportation facilities to Kings Wharf.

Some projects finished before Christmas include:

- South Park protected bike lane, phase 2; and
- New signals to cross Coburg Road at the intersection of Vernon and Seymour.

The Committee noted it would be nice to see McNabs Island included in the active transportation network.

8.1.3 Rural Active Transportation Framework Study

Megan Backos, Active Transportation Planner, Project Planning & Design, presented to the Committee. Staff have been directed by Council to look at implementing rural active transportation and determining priorities. The Municipality does not have a formal program or funding source for rural active transportation.

Some existing rural active transportation facilities include:

- Multi-use pathways in some rural areas;
- Ad hoc sidewalks in some areas such as Tantallon and Sheet Harbour; and
- Some provincial and HRM paved shoulders in Hammonds Plains and Sambro.

WSP was hired in 2019 and has completed a Baseline Report for rural active transportation in HRM, a framework and tools, as well as a Final Report.

Stakeholders in the project include:

- Internal HRM staff;
- Elected officials;
- Provincial departments; and
- Community groups and trail associations.

Key objectives have been identified as creating connections, improving safety and fostering equity. Secondary objectives include cost effectiveness, providing economic opportunity, community momentum and shifting mode share.

The framework aims to provide a decision making and prioritization process that is fair, clear, consistent and implementable. The two funding approaches being considered are LICs and general tax rates, both of which have pros and cons. A copy of the staff presentation is on file.

The presentation was well received by the Committee and members were happy with the work completed thus far.

9. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Myles McCormick

THAT Hugh Millward be nominated Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Hugh Millward accepted the nomination.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair called three more times for any further nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee. There being none, Hugh Millward was declared Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Hugh Millward assumed the position of Vice Chair

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 18, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support