



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
May 20, 2021**

PRESENT: Hugh Millward, Chair
Douglas Wetmore
Elizabeth Pugh
Alison Carlyle
Milena Khazanavicius
Myles McCormick
Peter Zimmer
Ashleigh Boers
Paul Berry
Mohammad Ehsan

REGRETS: Andrew Taylor
Councillor Becky Kent

STAFF: Liam Power, Legislative Assistant
Alicia Wall, Legislative Support

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 4:30 p.m., and the Committee adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Liam Power, Legislative Assistant, explained there would be an election and gave an overview of how it would be conducted.

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

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded by Milena Khazanavicius

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

Hugh Millward accepted the nomination for Chair.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Liam Power called three times for any further nominations. There being none, Hugh Millward was declared Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Hugh Millward assumed the position of Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Milena Khazanavicius, seconded by Ashleigh Boers

THAT Douglas Wetmore be nominated Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Douglas Wetmore accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

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, Douglas Wetmore was declared Vice Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2021

MOVED by Douglas Wetmore, seconded by Myles McCormick

THAT the minutes of April 15, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Mohammad Ehsan, seconded by Milena Khazanavicius

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 correspondence was received for item 8.2.1. This correspondence was circulated to the Committee.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received from Sarah Cameron regarding the Halifax Urban Greenway. This correspondence was circulated to the Committee.

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Delegations – None

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION/UPDATES

8.1 STAFF

8.1.1 Staff update on MacDonald Bridge bike connector and final budget approval

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor provided an update on the MacDonald Bridge bike connector project. The goal is to create safer infrastructure for all ages and abilities on both sides of the bridge. Improvements to Transit are also being made.

In response, the Committee noted that bollards should be up all year to promote cycling safety and more education for drivers is needed with respect to navigating areas with bike lanes and being familiar with the signage.

Final Budget Approval

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor provided a brief budget update and indicated the HRM budget has been approved. The active transportation strategic account, which a lot the capital for sidewalks, grants and pathways, is about \$3.3 million for 2021.

The Committee inquired as to amounts for active transportation grants and active transportation trail maintenance requests.

David MacIsaac stated that all maintenance requests have been accommodated and grants for active transportation project are just under \$325,000.

8.1.2 Staff update on Portland Street corridor active transportation plans

Harrison McGrath, Transportation Planning Engineer answered questions regarding active transportation along the corridor.

8.1.3 Staff update on the Portland Street and Cole Harbour Functional Planning Study

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated May 20, 2021

Harrison McGrath, Transportation Planning Engineer gave a presentation to the Committee and explained the goal is to improve transportation for all users. The project scope is heavily focused on transit and bus lanes are being recommended for the corridor. McGrath explained staff are looking at ways to improve active transportation infrastructure. A copy of the staff presentation is on file.

In response, the Committee noted the importance of safe bike parking at transit terminals and inquired as to when the phase 2 engagement will take place.

McGrath stated that phase 2 engagement could possibly start in July or August.

8.2 DISCUSSION

8.2.1 Discussion around the Active Transportation trail on Joseph Howe Drive

The following was before the Committee:

- Correspondence from David Hoskin

Members agreed with the concerns raised in the correspondence from David Hoskin.

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor stated that this area is in the preliminary design stages and construction could possibly begin next year.

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded by Douglas Wetmore

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on available options to make active transportation users more visible on the Joseph Howe Drive Chain of Lakes Trail intersection crossing. This report should consider but not be limited to appropriate crosswalk road markings, signage, speed humps, and overhead flashing crosswalk lights.

As per Section 66 of Administrative Order One – *Rules for Motions* after a motion is moved and seconded, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Committee but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the question is put with the permission of the Committee.

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN

MOVED by Paul Berry, seconded by Douglas Wetmore

THAT the Active Transportation Advisory Committee:

- 1. Request the designer present to the active transportation advisory committee when there is a design available regarding this intersection;**
- 2. Recommend the Transportation Standing Committee urgently request staff consider implementing short term measures until the project is implemented; and**
- 3. The correspondence be emailed to the developer and the Transportation Standing Committee.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 17, 2021

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Alicia Wall
Legislative Support