HALIFAX

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
September 17, 2026

PRESENT:	Milena Khazanavicius, Vice Chair Adelaide Burkam Edson Castillo Geoff Hurst Simone Mutabazi Elizabeth Pugh Kent Speiran Mojdeh Sharafi Holly Woodill
REGRETS:	Councillor John Young Rosanne LeBlanc
STAFF:	Anders Turim, Active Transportation Planning Olawumi Odeyinka-Apantaku, Legislative Assistant Chintushig Boldsukh, Legislative Assistant

These minutes are considered draft and will require approval by Active Transportation Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

1.1 African Nova Scotian Affirmation

At the request of the Vice Chair, Chintushig Boldsukh, Legislative Assistant led the Committee in the African Nova Scotian Affirmation.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 13, 2026

MOVED by Adelaide Burkam, seconded by Edson Castillo

THAT the minutes of August 13, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Kent Speiran, seconded by Elizabeth Pugh

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 – None
7.2 Petitions – None
7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION
9.1 STAFF
9.1.1 Peninsula South East Connection Functional Plan

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff presentation dated September 17, 2026

Martin Brien, Active Transportation Planner and Amy Do, Senior Transportation Engineer, Parsons Corporation gave a presentation seeking feedback on the proposed designs and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

The Committee supported Option 1 and noted that it provided the most direct and intuitive cycling connection and was most likely to encourage increased cycling mode share and aligned with the Integrated Mobility Plan hierarchy. Committee expressed concern that the alternative options relied on indirect routes that many cyclists would be unlikely to use, thereby reducing their effectiveness. The discussion also included the need to balance cycling, transit, emergency access, freight movement, parking, and accessibility considerations.

9.1.2 Active Transportation Update

Anders Turim, Active Transportation Planning provided an update on the Active School Travel Baseline & Program Options Study, North End Complete Streets, Peninsula South planning, and the upcoming public engagement activities related to Active Transportation initiatives and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

9.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

9.2.1 Vision Zero: A Transportation System Where No One is Killed or Seriously Injured

The following was before the Committee:

- Staff memorandum dated September 8, 2026

Milena Khazanavicius spoke to the proposed recommendation arising from the presentation by Catherine Cervin and Kelly Granigan, Vision Zero Kjipuktuk-Halifax, at the Committee's August 13, 2026 meeting, and circulated staff memorandum. Khazanavicius noted that staff from the Road Safety Unit would be available to provide a presentation on Vision Zero at the Committee's October meeting.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to defer consideration of the proposed recommendation to its October 22, 2026 meeting to allow for a staff presentation and further discussion.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 22, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Chintushig Boldsukh
Legislative Assistant