



**BUDGET COMMITTEE  
(STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BUDGET)  
MINUTES  
February 9 and 11, 2022**

PRESENT:           Councillor     Paul Russell, Chair  
                      Mayor           Mike Savage  
                      Deputy Mayor   Pam Lovelace  
                      Councillors:   Cathy Deagle Gammon  
  David Hendsbee  
  Becky Kent  
  Trish Purdy  
  Sam Austin  
  Tony Mancini  
  Waye Mason (Not present on February 9, 2022)  
  Lindell Smith  
  Shawn Cleary  
  Kathryn Morse  
  Patty Cuttell (Not present on February 11, 2022)  
  Iona Stoddard  
  Lisa Blackburn  
  Tim Outhit

STAFF:             Jerry Blackwood, Executive Director of Finance & Asset Management/Chief  
  Financial Officer  
  John Traves, Municipal Solicitor  
  Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk  
  Simon Ross-Siegel, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 12:10 p.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Budget Committee recessed at 2:37 p.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 2:47 p.m. Budget Committee recessed at 4:09 p.m. on February 9, 2022. Budget Committee reconvened on February 11, 2022 at 9:34 a.m. Budget Committee recessed at 12:00 p.m. Budget Committee reconvened in at 1:00 p.m. Budget Committee and adjourned at 1:35 p.m.*

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2022 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.

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Stoddard, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Mason

## **4. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

## **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Martyn Williams, a resident of Clayton Park** spoke to Budget Committee regarding service delivery measures related to the municipal road safety framework. The speaker spoke to several recommendations also included in correspondence circulated to members of Budget Committee, and also a recommendation to return to capturing and publishing data regarding the proportion of incidents at signalized intersections.

**Jo-Anne Donovan, a representative of Concerned Citizens of Leiblin Park** spoke to Budget Committee regarding traffic calming measures in Leiblin Park. Concerned Citizens are asking that they be part of the Transportation and Public works planning process for the immediate implementation of temporary traffic calming measures on Leiblin Drive, in response to several incidents including a collision which resulted in the loss of four lives.

**Anika Riopel, a representative of the Ecology Action Centre (EAC) and a resident of the Halifax North End**, spoke to Budget Committee regarding active transportation networks and their importance to connectivity of communities for residents. The EAC is excited by the budget and happy to see annual funding for multi-modal corridors and the road safety framework. The EAC's major concern is funding and the risk of bottlenecks related to staffing potentially impacting the implementation of these projects. The speaker also expressed concern regarding the backlog of sidewalk projects and strongly supports Councillor Morse's motion regarding the prioritization of sidewalk funding.

## **6. Transportation and Public Works**

The following was before Budget Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated February 2, 2022
- Staff presentation dated February 9, 2022
- Budget Adjustment List Summary dated February 8, 2022
- Budget Adjustment List Summary dated February 9, 2022
- Correspondence from Jo-Anne Donovan, Martyn Williams, and Shalom Mandaville

Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Transportation and Public Works gave a presentation on the Transportation and Public Works 2022/23 Budget & Business Plan and responded to questions of clarification from Budget Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

**THAT the Budget Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate the Transportation and Public Works proposed 2022/23 Budget and Business Plan, as set out and discussed in the accompanying report dated February 2, 2022 and supporting presentation, into the Draft 2022/23 Operating Budget.**

MOVED by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Deagle Gammon

**THAT the Budget Committee include \$500,000 in additional funding costs associated with a Gravel Road Paving project within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating over budget option for consideration.**

In response questions from Budget Committee, Brad Anguish stated that details will return to Budget Committee regarding a preliminary list of gravel road paving projects in a briefing note if the present motion should pass.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (11 in favour, 4 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Austin, Smith, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillors Purdy, Mancini, Cleary, Cuttell

Not present: Councillors Kent, Mason

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Mayor Savage

**THAT the Budget Committee include a reduction of \$900,000 for costs associated with a reduction to bi-weekly organics collection within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (4 in favour, 12 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Councillors Smith, Cleary, Blackburn

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

**THAT the Budget Committee consider parking initiatives to support COVID-19 recovery for small business in the 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works budget and bring back to the Budget Adjustment List and request a briefing note to outline specific initiatives that HRM could provide and associated costs for each initiative.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the Budget Committee include a reduction of an amount to be determined for costs associated with a reduction to bi-weekly organics collection for one the month for a period in the summer of 2022 (with consideration given to minimal disruption to residents) within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (5 in favour, 10 against)

In favour: Councillors Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Outhit

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Morse, Cuttell, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Deagle Gammon, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Budget Committee include \$1,300,000 in additional funding costs associated with a Proactive Vegetation Management Program within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating over budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (3 in favour, 11 against)

In favour: Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Stoddard

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Cuttell, Blackburn, Russell, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Smith, Cleary, Morse

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillors Mason, Outhit

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Budget Committee include a reduction of between \$300,000 and \$450,000 for costs associated with a Parking Ticket Fee Increase from \$35 (\$30 if paid within 7 days) to \$45 (\$40 if paid within 7 days) within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (15 in favour, 1 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell

Against: Councillor Outhit

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Blackburn

**THAT the Budget Committee request a briefing note detailing the costs associated with the elimination of sidewalk clearing in P3 residential areas within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (1 in favour, 15 against)

In favour: Councillor Cleary

Against: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Budget Committee include a reduction of:**

- 1. \$220,000 for costs associated with a Tip Fee Increase (from \$75 to \$90) for Commercial Compost; and**
- 2. \$95,000 for costs associated with a Tip Fee Increase (from \$30 to \$45) for Commercial Recyclables;**

**within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option for consideration and request a briefing note detailing the previous commercial compost tip fees and related effects.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.** (14 in favour, 2 against)

In favour: Mayor Savage, Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Kent, Purdy, Austin, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Against: Councillors Hendsbee, Stoddard

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the Budget Committee request a briefing note detailing the costs associated with the elimination of the Heads-Up Halifax Road Safety Campaign within the proposed 2022/23 Human Resources and Corporate Communications proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Budget Committee include a reduction of \$138,000 for costs associated with the elimination of six events related to the Household Special Waste Program within the proposed 2022/23 Transportation and Public Works proposed budget to the Budget Adjustment List as an operating under budget option for consideration.**

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (1 in favour, 14 against)

In favour: Councillor Austin

Against: Deputy Mayor Lovelace, Councillors Deagle Gammon, Hendsbee, Kent, Purdy, Mancini, Mason, Smith, Cleary, Morse, Stoddard, Blackburn, Russell, Outhit

Not present: Mayor Savage, Councillor Cuttell

The question was called on the main motion:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lovelace

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**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Not present: Councillor Cuttell

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. on February 11, 2022

Iain MacLean  
Municipal Clerk