



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 28, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Reg Rankin, Vice Chair
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Russell Walker

REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McCluskey
Councillor Linda Mosher

STAFF: Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor
Ms. Cathy Collett, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Councillor Rankin noted that Councillors Gloria McCluskey and Linda Mosher had passed on their regrets for the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the minutes of March 24, 2016 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason,

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. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received for item 12.1.3 and this was distributed to all committee members. For a detailed list of correspondence received, please refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions - None

10.3 Presentation - None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Devonshire Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated March 21, 2016*
- *Correspondence from Richard Jenkins, related during the meeting and circulated after the meeting by Councillor Mason*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council approve the installation of 1.3 km of bicycle lanes and related pedestrian improvements as described in the report dated March 21, 2016, on both sides of Devonshire Avenue and on Duffus Street between Novalea Drive and Isleville Street.

Responding to questions of clarification, Mr. Dave Hubley commented that Devonshire Avenue is a daytime truck route and that the traffic on this street is relatively low volume.

Councillor Mason informed the Committee that he had just received an e-mail from Mr. Richard Jenkins in support of the proposed bicycle lane. He informed the Committee of the content of the e-mail and commented that he would circulate the correspondence to the Committee after the meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 2016/17 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated April 1, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the 2016-2017 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, included as Attachment 1 of the report dated April 1, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) Continuance

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated April 15, 2016*
- *Correspondence dated April 28, 2016 from Norm Collins*

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. **Determine that the work of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee, as outlined in the terms of reference in Attachment 1 of the report dated April 15, 2016, is complete and that the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee be dissolved; and**
2. **Direct staff to prepare an annual report on crosswalk and pedestrian safety for the Transportation Standing Committee as per the discussion section of the report dated April 15, 2016; and**
3. **Direct staff to consider amendments to Administrative Order 1 to include road and pedestrian safety as a Regional Transportation issue within the Terms of Reference of the Transportation Standing Committee.**

Councillor Rankin thanked the report authors for a well-written report and commented that there is no reason to continue with this Committee when the remaining elements of the work can be carried out by the Transportation Standing Committee. He noted that there was a general consensus amongst the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee members that the staff recommendation is the right approach. He concluded that it is important for crosswalk safety to be formalized as part of the mandate of the Transportation Standing Committee by its inclusion in the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Walker suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to the members of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee for a job well done.

The Chair indicated that he was in support of the motion and that it was always intended that the work of the Committee would eventually conclude. He remarked that the focus on the important work carried out by this Committee will not be lost.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 HARBOUR EAST-MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – NONE

12.3 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Committee Update

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the Committee Update as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.4.1 Committee Update

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the Committee Update as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4.2 On Street Bicycle Parking Policies

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A recommendation report from the Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated March 18, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the subject of On-street Bicycling Parking Policies, as per the information submitted by the Halifax Cycling Coalition to ATAC on February 18, 2016.

Responding to questions of clarification, Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Director, Transportation and Public Works, explained that it is the second year of a pilot project for bicycle parking on Agricola and that it would be best to inform the Transportation Standing Committee of the results of this pilot at the end of the year.

Councillor Mason commented that it would be best if the Transportation Standing Committee received some feedback from staff while the project is ongoing, as well as receiving a report when the project concludes.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT this matter be deferred until the September 2016 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION TO DFEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12.4.3 Trans Canada Trail

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- *An Active Transportation Advisory Committee Report dated March 21, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee take steps to enable endorsement of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) request to finish the Trans Canada Trail connection in Halifax by December 2016. ATAC endorses the Shearwater Flyer alignment Option as presented to the February 18, 2016 ATAC meeting.

Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor, commented that specific steps should be articulated and the recommendation should be directed to Regional Council.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin, that the Motion be Amended to read

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding endorsement of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) request regarding the completion of the Trans Canada Trail before Canada 150 and steps to complete the Shearwater Flyer connection as the preferred option.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 CROSSWALK SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.5.1 Committee Update

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Rankin

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the Committee Update as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 Councillor Mason

“TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee to be held on May 26, 2016, I propose to move to request a staff report with recommendations regarding creating incentives and regulatory framework to encourage the expansion of the universally accessible taxi fleet in Halifax, including but not limited to HRM lead fleet purchase, municipal and provincial regulatory and tax changes and incentives, and service contracts modelled on HRM’s rural community transit program.”

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was held and closed; no speakers were present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 26, 2016, 1:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Cathy Collett
Legislative Assistant