



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 26, 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice-Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Richard Zurawski

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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 1:06 p.m. and moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:44 p.m. The Standing Committee reconvened into public session at 2:55 and Committee adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Outhit, Chair, called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –December 8, 2016 & January 10, 2017 (Special Meeting)

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Nicoll

THAT the minutes of December 8, 2016 & January 10, 2017 (Special Meeting) be approved as circulated.

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

Additions:

11.1 Councillor Mason - Request for Staff Report – Alternate Side of the Street Parking to allow for Daytime Cleaning

15.2 Councillor Nicoll – Request for Staff Report – Transportation Association of Canada Standards

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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 – NONE

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 **The Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia - Semi-Annual Report on Crosswalk and Pedestrian Safety/Crosswalk Safety Society Survey Results**

The following was before the committee:

- A submission from the Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia dated January 26, 2017
- An Information report dated August 10, 2016 re: Semi-Annual Report on Crosswalk and Pedestrian Safety

Mr. Norm Collins and Mr. Bill Campbell of the Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia provided a presentation with respect to the Semi-Annual Report on Crosswalk and Pedestrian Safety and the Crosswalk Safety Society Survey Results. Councillor Outhit thanked Mr. Collins and Campbell for their presentation and requested questions of clarification from the committee.

In response to questions of clarification from members of the committee, Mr. Collins and Mr. Campbell noted the following:

- The Crosswalk Safety Society conducts its citizen survey to inform decision makers on what issues HRM citizens view as important respecting crosswalk and pedestrian safety. The survey is not based on peer reviewed research, but rather seeks to gain information from the public on crosswalk safety issues.
- The Crosswalk Safety Society has provided presentations to driver training schools respecting crosswalk safety. The provincial government has sent letters to driver training organizations to focus more attention on crosswalk safety as part of their driver training programs.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 December 8, 2016 - Memorandum from the Director of Transportation & Public Works dated November 22, 2016 re: Overnight Non-Emergency Municipal Operations

The following was before the committee:

- A staff information report dated November 22, 2017
- A Councillor Request for consideration form dated January 26, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report outlining operation and cost implications to implement alternate side of the street parking to allow for daytime cleaning in high parking utilization areas as described in the staff report dated November 22, 2016

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

11.2 December 8, 2016 - Memorandum from the Directors Halifax Transit & Transportation and Public Works dated October 11, 2016 re: Responsibility for Transit Priority Measures

The following was before the committee:

- A staff information report dated October 11, 2016

The Committee held a brief discussion on the October 11, 2016 information report indicating that no further action is required at the present time.

11.3 December 8, 2016 - Memorandum from the Directors of Halifax Transit & Transportation and Public Works dated November 17, 2016 - Petition - Africville Museum Accessibility

The following was before the committee:

- A staff information report dated November 17, 2016

In response to questions of clarification from the committee, Ms. Patricia Hughes, Manager of Planning & Scheduling, Halifax Transit noted that Transit staff are working on report which outlines the details of providing transit access to the Africville Museum. She advised that the site is located in challenging location from a transit perspective as it does not provide options to generate other ridership.

In response to questions of clarifications, Mr. Dave MacIssac, Active Transportation Supervisor, advised that staff will be studying options as part a functional planning study for safer pedestrian access to the Africville Park and Museum.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program Extension & Expansion

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 10, 2017*

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

- 1. Extend the completion date of the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 for those accepted into the pilot program for September 2016;**
- 2. Amend the program eligibility criteria to exclude the use of income from roommates in the calculation of household income as per Attachment A of the staff report dated January 10, 2017**
- 3. Approve the implementation of an annual Low Income Transit Pass Program for up to 1,000 qualified applicants beginning July 1, 2017; and**
- 4. Direct Staff to enter into discussion with the Province of Nova Scotia to evaluate opportunities for offering transit passes to those currently receiving a transportation subsidy.**

Ms. Patricia Hughes responded to questions of clarification from the committee members in relation to extension and expansion of the Low Income Pass Pilot Program. The following amendments to the main motion were proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Halifax Regional Council requests a staff report to:

- 1) Solicit the United Way to become one of the “community partners” referenced that helps citizen’s complete application**
- 2) Consider a “Fair Entry Halifax” program, modeled on similar program in Calgary, so that applicants don’t have to repeatedly demonstrate that they’re low income in order to qualify for municipally subsidized programs**
- 3) consider including the Mobile Food Market as a drop location for Low Income Bus Pass applicants**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

- 1. Extend the completion date of the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 for those accepted into the pilot program for September 2016;**
- 2. Amend the program eligibility criteria to exclude the use of income from roommates in the calculation of household income as per Attachment A of the staff report dated January 10, 2017**
- 3. Approve the implementation of an annual Low Income Transit Pass Program for up to 1,000 qualified applicants beginning July 1, 2017;**
- 4. Direct Staff to enter into discussion with the Province of Nova Scotia to evaluate opportunities for offering transit passes to those currently receiving a transportation subsidy; and**
- 5. That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding the possible inclusion of the following in relation to the Low Income Transit Pass Pilot Program Extension and Expansion:**
 - Solicit the United Way to become one of the “community partners” referenced that helps citizen’s complete application**
 - Consider a “Fair Entry Halifax” program, modeled on similar program in Calgary, so that applicants do not have to repeatedly demonstrate low income in order to qualify for municipally subsidized programs**
 - consider including the Mobile Food Market as a drop location for Low Income Bus Pass applicants**

THE MOTION, AS AMENDED WAS PUT PASSED.

12.1.2 Trans Canada Trail Route in Halifax Regional Municipality

The following was before the committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 9, 2017**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council endorse the proposed interim alignment of the Trans Canada Trail through Halifax Regional Municipality and endorse ongoing collaboration between the municipality, the Nova Scotia Trails Federation and the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) on the development of a connected and complete TCT route within the municipality.

In response to questions of clarification from the committee, Mr. MacIsaac noted that the request for a Trans-Canada Trail Route came from Trans Canada Trail Federation. He advised that a formal working relationship with the Trans Canada Trail organizations will assist staff in prioritizing trails projects in a more effective manner.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.4.1 Report Request – Support for Halifax.Access4All Accessibility Policy & Action Plan

The following was before the committee:

- *A committee report dated January 17, 2017*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report investigating potential support, funding and partnership opportunities between HRM and Walk 'n' Roll Halifax's, "Halifax.Access4All Accessibility Policy & Action Plan" proposal as outlined in the January 16, 2017 Accessibility Advisory Committee presentation

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5 COMMITTEE UPDATES

12.5.1/ 12.5.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Committee Updates

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee accept the updates from the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Committee Updates as submitted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Personnel Matter

14.1.1 Citizen appointments to Active Transportation

This matter was dealt with In Camera. The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Proceed to nominate (1) Youth member for consideration by Regional Council for a term to November, 2018 as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated January 18, 2017.**
- 2. Proceed to nominate (2) Citizens at large for consideration by Regional Council for a term to November, 2018 as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated January 18, 2017.**

3. It is further recommended that the citizen nominations not be released to the public until ratification and notification of the successful applicants.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1.2 Citizen appointments to Accessibility in HRM

This matter was dealt with In Camera. The following motion was passed in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

1. Proceed to nominate (7) Citizens at large for consideration by Regional Council for a term to November, 2018 as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated January 18, 2017.
2. It is further recommended that the citizen nominations not be released to the public until ratification and notification of the successful applicants.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Councillor Nicoll – Request for Staff Report – Transportation Association of Canada Standards

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report identifying the differences in the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act in the context of HRM using national standards such as Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) standards specifically with respect to crosswalk & traffic signals..

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Outhit called three times for speakers to come forward, there were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - February 23, 2017 1:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant