



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 7, 2017**

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

STAFF: Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 3:10 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– April 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the minutes of April 27, 2017 be approved as circulated.

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

Additions: None

Councillor Mason requested that Information Item No. 2 – Alternate Side of the Street Parking to Allow for Daytime Street Cleaning be brought forward for discussion at the next regular meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

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 – 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

8.1 December 8, 2016 - Public Transit Engagement Model

The following documentation was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 20, 2016
- A supplementary information report dated April 3, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. Direct staff to continue developing project-based engagement strategies for public transit projects, ensuring that the most appropriate consultation strategy or format is used to solicit the feedback required to inform the project's development.

2. Direct staff to work with Planning & Development on investigation of new engagement tools as per report to Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 6, 2016.

In response to questions of clarification, Patricia Hughes, Manager of Scheduling noted that most of the consultations provided by staff targeted regular transit users. She advised that some non-transit users were targeted as part of the engagement.

In response to a follow up question, Hughes noted that HRM's Corporate Communications group is involved in the public engagement process. Staff have discussed ideas such as Twitter Town Hall sessions.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to develop new engagement tools, that would provide regular feedback from Transit users and non-users and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with a report and process on the engagement model.

AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to continue developing project-based engagement strategies for public transit projects, ensuring that the most appropriate consultation strategy or format is used to solicit the feedback required to inform the project's development.**
- 2. Direct staff to work with Planning & Development to develop new engagement tools, that would provide regular feedback from Transit users and non-users and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with a report on the proposed engagement model.**

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence – NONE

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentations – NONE

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Carriage of Two-Wheeled Devices on Halifax Transit Ferries

The following was before the committee:

- A staff report dated April 10, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to modify Halifax Transit Ferries and introduce rules to govern the carriage of two wheeled devices on ferries as outlined in the staff report dated April 10, 2017.

In response to questions of clarification, Glen Bannon, Manager of Transit Operations noted the following:

- The design of the new ferry has been undertaken with mobility elements in mind; such as wider aisles to accommodate mobility devices and slots which can accommodate the safe stowage of up to 12 bicycles.
- There are regulatory issues with respect to the number of bicycles and other two wheeled devices on board if an emergency were to occur.
- Staff have engaged a consultant with respect to carriage. It was determined that more room can be made for bicycles and mobility devices but it would involve removing 25% of the existing seating.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer consideration of the April 10, 2017 staff report pending receipt of a supplemental report which will include information regarding the number of cyclists using the ferry, the number of cyclists that would have been delayed had the proposed rules been in place, and whether the rules can be relaxed around the number of cyclists during off peak hours.

In response to a question of clarification, Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit noted that a deferral of the matter does carry a risk. Reage noted that until a solution is determined, Ferry crews will be required to make operational decisions respecting the number of bicycles and other two wheeled devices to ensure safety and compliance with existing regulations.

Further discussion ensued respecting communications to ferry passengers with respect to the number of bicycles and other two-wheeled devices allowed on the ferry in the interim until the report is prepared.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 2018/19 Moving Forward Together Plan Corridor Routes Review

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 12, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council: Direct staff to prepare a report in 18/19 that outlines any recommended modifications to Corridor Routes, as shown in the Moving Forward Together Plan. The report is to consider new or updated data, specifically including ridership data, as well as the findings of the following studies/projects:

- **The Integrated Mobility Plan;**
- **The Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study;**
- **The Mumford Terminal Replacement Opportunities Assessment; and**
- **The Transit Priorities Corridor Study.**

In discussing the matter, members of the Transportation Standing committee expressed concern that the direction from Halifax Regional Council back in December of 2016 was to engage an outside consultant to conduct the review.

Colin Taylor, Solicitor advised that the direction contained within the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Regional Council meeting was to request a staff report regarding engaging a consultant to review the Corridor Routes in the Moving Forward Together Plan and not to specifically engage a consultant.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

The following alternative motion was suggested:

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council request that staff engage a consultant to prepare a report including travel time mapping in 18/19 that outlines any recommended modifications to Corridor Routes, as shown in the Moving Forward Together Plan. The report is to consider new or updated data, specifically including ridership data, as well as the findings of the following studies/projects:

- **The Integrated Mobility Plan;**
- **The Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study;**
- **The Mumford Terminal Replacement Opportunities Assessment; and**
- **The Transit Priorities Corridor Study.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Addition of Lucasville Road, Brunswick Street and other corridors as candidate routes to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated April 26, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council amend the Active Transportation Priorities Plan by designating the following segments as “candidate routes” as described in the staff report dated April 26, 2017 report: Lucasville Road; Brunswick Street; Ahern Street; Sackville Street; George Street; and Africville Historic Site access points.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Willow Street Local Street Bikeway

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated September 22, 2016

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on adding a new corridor connecting candidate Local Street Bikeway routes Charles Street to Allan/Oak Street to the Active Transportation Priorities, as presented at the September 15, 2016 meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the requested staff report also include the addition of any and all Active Transportation candidate routes identified in the Cole Harbour Basin Open Space Plan to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan

AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Request a staff report on adding a new corridor connecting candidate Local Street Bikeway routes Charles Street to Allan/Oak Street, as presented at the September 15, 2016 meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan and;

2. That the requested staff report also include the addition of any and all Active Transportation candidate routes identified in the Cole Harbour Basin Open Space Plan to the Active Transportation Priorities Plan.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 COMMITTEE UPDATES

12.4.1 Update from Active Transportation Advisory Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- An update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated June 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the update from the Active Transportation Committee as submitted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4.2 Update from Accessibility Advisory Committee

The following was before the committee:

- An update from the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated June 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the update from the Accessibility Advisory Committee as submitted.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Mason

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the challenges and opportunities regarding a one-time redirection of sidewalk replacement, renewal, and new sidewalk funding to fund a program to improve key curb ramps at critical intersections leading to schools, institutions, hospitals, commercial areas and transit terminal and key bus stops to bring sidewalk infrastructure to the revised accessible Canadian Standards Association (CSA) standards.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

That the Transportation Standing Committee convene to In Camera to discuss a citizen appointment to the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission as outlined in the May 19, 2017 Private and Confidential Staff report.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.1 Personnel Matter

14.1.1 Citizen Appointment to Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission

This matter was dealt with In Camera (In Private).

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Outhit called three times for speakers to address the Transportation Standing Committee. There were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 22, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant