



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 27, 2017**

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

GUESTS: Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

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 2:37 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 7 & June 22, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the minutes of June 7 & June 22, 2017 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

15.1 Approval of By-law P-505 and Amendment to By-law P-500 Respecting Parking Meters

15.2 Implementation of the Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors Project

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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 Dr. Sue Malloy, Glas Ocean Consulting re: Electric boats/ferries, and renewable storage technology and practices

Dr. Sue Malloy, Glas Ocean Consulting provided a presentation on Electric boats/ferries, and renewable storage technology and practices.

Councillor Outhit thanked Dr. Malloy for the presentation opened the debate with questions from members. In response, the doctor noted the following:

- Halifax Transit's existing ferry fleet can be retrofitted to run fifty percent on electric power.
- There are incentives available from Nova Scotia Power to gain better power rates, if the existing ferry fleet were to be retrofitted to an electric propulsion system.
- The return on investment, with respect to fuel costs would be actualized in three years on a newly designed electric ferry, or within in eleven years for one that has been retrofitted.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 June 22, 2017 - Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated April 7, 2017 re: Transportation Association of Canada Standards

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated April 7, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee waive the rules of order respecting Notice of Motion as outlined in section 49 of Administrative Order One, Respecting the Procedure of Council.

Two-third majority vote required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff recommendation report on the development of an HRM traffic management and safety policy book, as a companion to the HRM Service System Guidelines (Red Book), to document and consolidate specific HRM practices and references to other standards, such as Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) and National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

In response to questions of clarification, Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works commented that staff will provide clarity around traffic safety management practices.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Reporting Structure and Terms of Reference of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated February 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 1 as set out in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated February 27, 2017 to direct that the Accessibility Advisory Committee report to the Executive Standing Committee; and

2. Adopt Administrative Order 2017-005-GOV, Respecting the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in the Halifax Regional Municipality as set out in Attachment 3 of the staff report dated February 27, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Councillor Cleary - Request for Letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: "Dooring"

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A request for Standing Committee consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council request the Mayor send a letter the Nova Scotia Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal in support of an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act that prohibits people from opening their vehicle doors until it is reasonably safe to do so.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2.2 Councillor Cleary - Protected Bike Lanes on Rainnie Drive

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A request for Standing Committee consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the protected bike lanes on Rainnie Drive that addresses the issue of cars consistently parking in the buffer zone in the bike lanes..

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Report Request – City Lights App Technology

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A committee recommendation report dated June 20, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the feasibility of integrating the City Lights App technology into HRM's traffic light infrastructure as outlined in the presentation provided to the Accessibility Advisory Committee on June 19, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.5 COMMITTEE UPDATES

12.5.1 Update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- An update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated July 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.5.2 Update from the Accessibility Advisory Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- An update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated July 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Cleary

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A request for Standing Committee consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the participation of the Chain of Lakes Trail in the Rum Runners Trail.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Councillor Cleary

- A request for Standing Committee consideration form from Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the future roles and responsibilities of community associations with respect to the construction, maintenance and operation of active transportation facilities in Halifax and with respect to the relationship of such community associations within the municipality.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Approval of By-law P-505 and Amendment to By-law P-500 Respecting Parking Meters

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 30, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-Law P-505, the purpose of which is to amend By-Law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters, to allow the use of pay stations and payment options in addition to parking meters and coin-only payments, as set out in Attachment B of the staff report dated July 30, 2017.

In response to questions of clarification, Dave McCusker, Manager Strategic Transportation Planning, noted that the By-law P-505 would apply to all public streets and highways.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15.2 Implementation of the Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 17, 2017.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct the CAO to proceed with the recommended approaches to implement the Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors project as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated May 17, 2017, subject to Regional Council approval of annual capital budgets and applicable tender award reports;**
- 2. Direct the CAO to invite the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission to develop an agreement that would clarify the roles and responsibilities of implementation of this project, particularly as it pertains to the proposed new structures that would be attached to existing Macdonald Bridge infrastructure;**
- 3. Amend the Active Transportation Priorities Plan by designating the following as “candidate routes” Dickson Street, Faulkner Street and Wyse Road between Nantucket Avenue and Thistle Street; and,**
- 4. Approve the installation of bike lanes on the following streets: Wyse Road between Nantucket Ave and Albro Lake Road; North Street between Gottingen Street and Agricola Street; Dickson Street, and Faulkner Street between Dickson Street and Wyse Road.**

In response to questions of clarification, Dave MacLissac, Active Transportation Supervisor noted the following:

- Staff is currently working an option for Wyse Road which will be more advanced than a typical bike lane given the width of the roadway and what is required for bike lanes under national standards.

- Shore Road is a designated part of the Trans Canada Trail which requires a pedestrian area. This area will be evaluated under the local street bikeway implementation process to develop a solution for the area.
- The Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission has a representative who sits on the steering committee for the Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connectors project.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kelsey Lane, of the Halifax Cycling Coalition, spoke in favour of the motion from Councillor Cleary with respect to “dooring”. Lane noted support for the Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connector Project but expressed concern with delays to the project that have occurred since it was approved in 2015. Lane advised of missed opportunities for funding from other levels of government that have since passed. Lane concluded by encouraging members of the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Council move forward on the project.

Councillor Outhit called three times for further speakers. There were none present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -September 28, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant