



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 28, 2017**

PRESENT:

Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice-Chair
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Shawn Cleary

REGRETS:

Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Councillor Richard Zurawski

STAFF:

Dave Reage, Director of Transit
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Sherrill Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 27, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the minutes of July 27, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

The Clerk noted that a **revised** agenda had been distributed to members and posted to the web earlier in the week.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the revised 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 – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

10.1.1 Correspondence from John Cascaddan, Lewis Lake, NS re Crosswalk Safety

The Clerk advised that the email from John Cascadden, dated September 20, 2017, titled, “Crosswalk Safety Recommendation” had been distributed to members of the Committee

10.2 Petitions - NONE

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Dr. Meghan Winters, Simon Fraser University re: Study on Impacts of Cycling Infrastructure in Mid-Sized Cities (IBIMS)

Dr. Meghan Winters, Simon Fraser University, gave a presentation on the results of an ongoing study "Impacts of Bicycle Infrastructure in Mid-Sized Canadian Cities" which included Halifax, Victoria and Kelowna. The presentation featured result of a population-based survey of Halifax residents conducted in the Fall of 2016

Winters responded to questions regarding health outcomes pre-installation of bicycling infrastructure noting that outcomes will be reviewed later in the project, confirming that most cyclists are using the infrastructure to commute and that in other areas, such as Victoria, infrastructure was prioritized in low income communities which is not the case in Halifax.

Councillor Nicoll thanked Dr. Winters for the presentation.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 July 27, 2017 - Memorandum from the Director of Legal, Municipal Clerk and External Affairs dated May 10, 2017 re: Restriction and Control of Motor Vehicle Noise

The following was before the committee:

- A staff information report dated May 10, 2017, "Restriction and Control of Motor Vehicle Noise"

Following a brief discussion and questioning of staff, it was MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary:

That the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council request the Mayor write the Province seeking an amendment to the Standards for Vehicle Equipment regulations and they also consider amending the Motor Vehicle Act to address the issue of noisy mufflers as per the staff report dated July 27 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Staff Presentation and Information Report – 2017/18 Q1 Halifax Transit KPI Report

The following was before the committee:

- A staff information report, dated September 5, 2017
- A presentation entitled 2107/19 Q1 Halifax Transit

Patricia Hughes, Manager, Planning and Scheduling, presented the 2017/18 Q1 Halifax Transit KPI Report as set out in the presentation and responded to questions. Hughes noted that the Moving Forward Plan provides for the redesign of routes, but no full loss of service to the communities.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the 2017/18 Q1 Halifax Transit KPI report to Halifax Regional Council for Information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Qualifying Criteria for Traffic Calming Measures

The following was before the committee:

- A staff report, dated August 24, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the CAO to return to Council for approval of the necessary amendments to Administrative Order #2015-004-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming to effect the following:

1. **to require the sum of fifty percent of the total number of ballots received plus one ballot for a majority; and**
2. **to direct that a new poll be undertaken under the revised Administrative Order for those requests that were previously polled and did not achieve a majority as originally defined.**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith that the motion be amended by the addition of part 3 as follows:

3. **to include possible alternative voting methods to receive ballots and submit votes.**

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion now reads:

That the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the CAO to return to Council for approval of the necessary amendments to Administrative Order #2015-004-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming to effect the following:

1. **to require the sum of fifty percent of the total number of ballots received plus one ballot for a majority; and**
2. **to direct that a new poll be undertaken under the revised Administrative Order for those requests that were previously polled and did not achieve a majority as originally defined.**
3. **to include possible alternative voting methods to receive ballots and submit votes.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 LeMarchant-St. Thomas Drop-off Loop

The following was before the committee:

- A report dated June 23, 2017, from Ben Buckwold, Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That the Transportation Standing Committee review the presentation by the Ecology Action Centre regarding the LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary School proposed drop off loop and the potential for students to safely access the school through active transit modes.

Councillor Smith requested a friendly amendment to the motion to replace the word 'review' in the first line with the word 'receive, to which the Committee agreed.

The motion now reads:

That the Transportation Standing Committee receive the presentation by the Ecology Action Centre regarding the LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary School proposed drop off loop and the potential for students to safely access the school through active transit modes.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

Citizen and Councillor appointments to boards and committees in keeping with the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council in August 2011, to be found at <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/documents/Citizenrecruitmentpolicy.pdf>

14.1.1 Citizen Nominations to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission

This matter was dealt with in public session.

The following was before the committee:

- A private and confidential report, dated, September 18, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

That the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Appoint the applicant, outlined in the discussion section of the Private and Confidential report dated September 18, 2017, to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission and that the identity of the appointee be released to the public following ratification and notification of the successful candidate.**
- 2. Not release the September 18, 2017 Private and Confidential report to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Cleary – Non-accepted Streets

Take notice that at the next Transportation Standing Committee meeting on October 26, 2017, I will move that Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report that 1) estimates the cost of providing the 99 non-accepted streets in Halifax with a comparable level of service, maintenance, and replacement as the accepted streets receive; 2) outlines various options for "accepting" these streets; and 3) provides a recommendation on a way to proceed with these non-accepted streets.

16.2 Notice of Motion – Councillor Smith – Low Income Transit Pass Program

Take notice that at the next meeting of Transportation Standing Committee on October 26, 2017, I will move that Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report outlining the financial impacts of the

Low Income Transit Pass Program and the financial and service impacts of removing the limit for participants.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kelsie Lane: Referring to the Mobile Bicycle Rack program, Lane noted that the benefit of the program is evident. Lane advised that the cost of the rack is a challenge including the permit fee, as well as, transport and storage. The addition of planter boxes and art is valuable; however, the project is in it's second year and a staff report regarding the potential of the program and whether these structures can become permanent is warranted.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Sherryl Murphy
Deputy Clerk