



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

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

OTHER MEMBERS
OF COUNCIL: Councillor Sam Austin

STAFF:
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Outhit, Chair, called the meeting to order 1:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 28, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the minutes of September 28, 2017 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

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 Clerk advised that correspondence has been received from Wendy McDonald relative to Items 12.1 and 12.2 on the agenda. This correspondence has been distributed to the Committee

10.2 Petitions - NONE

10.3 Presentations - NONE

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD - NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 On-Street Parking for Carshare Vehicles

The following was before the committee:

- A staff report dated August 16, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

The Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to include provision in amendments to By-law P-1000 to:

- (1) Create designated parking spaces and associated permits for operators of non-station-based carshare vehicles; and**
- (2) Include all carshare vehicles as being eligible for residential parking exemptions.**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That the motion be amended to include:

- (3) Allow station-based carshare vehicles to have their home based parking designated on-street**

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Alderney Ferry Schedule Adjustments

The following was before the committee:

- A staff report dated September 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council that the additional service that was introduced on the Alderney – Halifax ferry service for The Big Lift project be retained until the end of 2017/18, and that these trips be rescheduled to provide a 15 minute frequency during the weekday midday period instead of during the evening period, as outlined in Attachment A of the September 11, 2017 staff report.

Patricia Hughes, Manager of Planning and Scheduling and Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions.

During the Committee's discussion, it was noted that although the staff recommendation intended for the change to take place as soon as possible, there was the risk that the public would not have correct scheduling information because of the inability to immediately update print and digital materials to reflect the change. Staff noted that it would take upwards of 10 weeks for the change to be updated due to the various processes involved. Concern was expressed that a change in the service, without providing the appropriate updated scheduling information for the public would undermine the public's confidence in the service. Subsequently, the Committee determined it would be better to implement the service adjustment with the regular quarterly service adjustment of February 19, 2018, and the following amendment was put forward.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

That the motion be amended to add the words *with the quarterly service adjustment date February 19, 2018* to the motion.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WAS PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now reads:

That the additional service that was introduced on the Alderney – Halifax ferry service for The Big Lift project be retained until the end of 2017/18, and that these trips be rescheduled to provide a 15 minute frequency during the weekday midday period instead of during the evening period, as outlined in Attachment A of the September 11, 2017 staff report with the quarterly service adjustment date February 19, 2018.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair asked staff to provide follow-up information to the Committee on the processes involved in the 10 week timeline it takes to update the scheduling information, as noted in the discussion.

12.1.3 Staff Presentation – Halifax Idle Free Action Initiative

The following was before the committee:

- A staff presentation entitled *Idle Free Initiative* which was circulated to Committee members at the meeting
- An Information Report dated October 11, 2017

Scott Sheffield, Community Developer, Government Relations and External Affairs and Maggie MacDonald, Managing Director, Government Relations and External Affairs provided the presentation and responded to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff recommendation report on the successes of the Anti-Idle By-law and provide information in regard to the next steps.

Jane Fraser, Director, Corporate and Customer Service and Shannon Miedema, Manager, Energy and Environment responded to questions.

At 1:57 p.m. Councillor Zurawski retired from the meeting.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE - NONE

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - NONE

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Cleary - Non- accepted Streets

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report that
1) estimates the cost of providing the 99 non-accepted streets in HRM 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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.2 Councillor Smith – Low Income Transit Pass Program

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee requests 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.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ben Wedge addressed the Committee and provided a presentation on ideas to speed up transit service without significantly impacting the budget.

A member of the public (name not provided) addressed the Committee referencing the presentation on *Halifax Idle Free Action Initiative* and spoke about various studies on human behavior and idling and the importance of managing the idling behaviour.

Andrea DeSilva addressed the Committee and requested the Committee's consideration of providing a bus route to an open ocean beach such as the beaches on the eastern shore and that have facilities. Andrea DeSilva outlined the benefits a bus route such as this would have on the City's population.

Colin May addressed the Committee with concern about cyclists who do not use their bells to warn pedestrians; and cited a recent example on an active transportation trail where there was the potential for a collision.

Cameron Ells, Cameron Consulting Inc. addressed the Committee and referenced the presentation on Idle free initiative and the motion put forward by Councillor Nicoll. Cameron Ells suggested that one of the outcomes of the initiative should be to find out how well the Municipality's Fleet has done to date; and if there hasn't been a collection of the baseline data to date, to find out why this information was not collected.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 23, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant