



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 23, 2017**

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

STAFF: Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation & Public Works
Dave Reage, Director of Halifax Transit
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
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 1:00 p.m., the Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:18 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 – October 26, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the minutes of October 26, 2017 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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

8.1 Carriage of Two-Wheeled Devices of Halifax Transit Ferries

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated October 13, 2017
- A staff recommendation report dated April 10, 2017
- An extract of minutes – Transportation Standing Committee – June 7, 2017
- Correspondence from Max Rastelli, Owner, Segway Nova Scotia

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor 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.

Councillor Nicoll moved the following amendment:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional

Council:

- 1. Approve modifications to the Halifax Transit ferries to accommodate an additional bicycle rack;**
- 2. Restrict the number of standard sized bicycles carried per crossing to the number that can be accommodated in bicycle racks;**
- 3. Approve the installation of tire sizing racks at the ferry terminals to ensure that bicycles can be accommodated prior to boarding; and**
- 4. Prohibit segways from the Halifax Transit ferries.**

The proposed amendment was considered friendly. The motion before the Transportation now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Approve modifications to the Halifax Transit ferries to accommodate an additional bicycle rack;**
- 2. Restrict the number of standard sized bicycles carried per crossing to the number that can be accommodated in bicycle racks;**
- 3. Approve the installation of tire sizing racks at the ferry terminals to ensure that bicycles can be accommodated prior to boarding; and**
- 4. Prohibit segways from the Halifax Transit ferries.**

In response to questions of clarification, Patricia Hughes, Manager of Scheduling, Halifax Transit clarified that the ferry load counts were conducted on a typical weekday.

Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit advised that a further reduction in the number of seating on Halifax Transit Ferry's would likely need to take place to accommodate other types of personal transportation devices such as segways.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received in relation to Item No. 8.1 which was previously distributed to members of the Transportation Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation – NONE

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Approval of proposed 2018 Transportation Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the standing committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 15, 2017

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the proposed 2018 meeting schedule as outlined in attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 15, 2017.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Pedestrian Connection, St. Margaret's Bay

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to continue planning pedestrian connections from St. Margaret's Bay Elementary to the St. Margaret's Bay Rails to Trails and the HRM ball field, playground and Bay waterfront access as identified in the Discussion section of the staff report dated September 11, 2017, and report back to the Transportation Standing Committee with a proposed pedestrian connection.

In response to concern raised by the Transportation Standing Committee, Dave MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor noted the following:

- The St. Margaret's Bay pedestrian project is currently in the preliminary stages of the planning process and is relevant to HRM's Active Transportation priorities particularly by improving connectivity in a rural area.
- Halifax Regional Police review potential Active Transportation trails from a safety perspective as part of the planning process.
- Staff undertake community consultations with area residence and effected landowners through a general mail call and advertising through conventional, and social media.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 One-time Redirection of Sidewalk Replacement, Renewal, and New Sidewalk Funding to Improve Key Curb Ramps

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated September 27, 2017.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Not redirect funds to support a program to improve key pedestrian ramps until HRM receives further direction from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Standards Association;**
- 2. Staff continues upgrading pedestrian ramps to the existing HRM standard in all sidewalk projects.**

Following a brief discussion, the following amended motion was proposed:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Not recommend that Halifax Regional Council redirect funds to support a program to improve key pedestrian ramps until HRM receives further direction from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Standards Association;**

2. Staff continues upgrading pedestrian ramps to the existing HRM standard in all sidewalk projects; and

3. That the September 27, 2017 staff report be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

1. Not recommend that Halifax Regional Council redirect funds to support a program to improve key pedestrian ramps until HRM receives further direction from the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Standards Association;

2. Staff continues upgrading pedestrian ramps to the existing HRM standard in all sidewalk projects; and

3. That the September 27, 2017 staff report be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Staff Presentation - Transit Accessibility Updates

The following documentation was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated November 23, 2017

Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit provided a presentation on Transit Accessibility. Highlights of the presentation include:

- Ongoing enhancements to wheelchair securement options for the transit fleet.
- Enhancements to curb cuts and snow removal standards at bus stops and bus shelters.
- Enhancements to Trip booking and scheduling for Access-a-Bus.
- The implementation of Automated Stop Announcements.

12.2 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 COMMITTEE UPDATES

12.4.1 Update from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated November 23, 2017 re: Active Transportation Advisory Committee update

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Personnel Matter

14.1.1 Citizen Nominations to the Active Transportation Standing Committee

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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

That the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Ratify and confirm the Citizen at Large nomination to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for the consideration of Regional Council for a term to November, 2019 as outlined in attachment 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated November 14, 2017.**
- 2. Ratify and confirm the Senior nomination to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for consideration by Regional Council for a term to November, 2019 as outlined in attachment 1 of the private and confidential staff report dated November 14, 2017.**
- 3. It is further recommended that the Private and Confidential Report dated November 14, 2017 not be released to the public.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Outhit called three times for members of the public to address the Transportation Standing Committee during public participation. There were no speakers present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 7, 2017

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant