



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 7, 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 and Public Works
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. and adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order in Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Legislative Assistant opened for the floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT Councillor Tim Outhit be nominated as Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

The Legislative Assistant called three times for further nominations, there were none.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Councillor Tim Outhit was acclaimed as Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Outhit called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Zurawski

THAT Councillor Lorelei Nicoll be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

Councillor Outhit called three times for further nominations. There were none.

Councillor Nicoll was acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of November 23, 2017 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT PASSED.

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

Additions: None

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT Information Item No 2 - Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated November 2, 2017 re: Strategic Road Safety Plan be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Deputy Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

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 noted correspondence received for Item No. 12.1.1 which was distributed to members of the Transportation Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Michael Uhlarik President & Co-founder SURU Inc re: E-bike Intelligence Review

Mr. Michael Uhlarik, President and Co founder SURU Inc provided a presentation on E-bike regulations in Canada.

In response to questions of clarification, Michael Uhlarik noted that Prince Edward Island does not have a regulatory framework for E-bikes.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Protected Bicycle Lane – Hollis Street

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 11, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Zurawski, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to continue to plan the development of a permanent “all ages and abilities” on-road bicycle lane running north-south through downtown Halifax and return to Transportation Standing Committee and Regional Council in 2018 with a recommended option for implementation in 2019.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1. 2017/18 Second Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated October 18, 2017
- A staff presentation dated December 7, 2017

Erin Blay, Supervisor, Service Design & Projects provided a presentation on the 2017/18 Second Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report.

In response to concerns raised by the Transportation Standing Committee, Blay noted the following:

- The impact of summer construction work on Halifax Transit ridership.
- Bus Rapid Transit Public Engagement session slated for 2018.
- Planned service enhancements to the Clayton Park Mainland North district.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive a presentation on 2017/18 Second Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report as outlined in the October 18, 2017 staff information report.

The following amendments was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the October 18, 2017 staff information report and presentation to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

The amendment was deemed friendly.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive a presentation on 2017/18 Second Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report as outlined in the October 18, 2017 staff information report and forward to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.4 COMMITTEE UPDATES – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA

14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – November 23, 2017

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the November 23, 2017 In Camera minutes as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ben Wedge, of Its More than Busses, provided commentary with respect to the Moving Forward Together Plan and advised of the need for further service reviews to eliminate redundant transit routes.

Kelsey Lane, Cycling Coalition, provided commentary on the need to increase safety for cyclists on Hollis Street prior to implementing planned projects in the Integrated Mobility Plan.

Bruce Cochran, of Dartmouth provided commentary on the Taxi Industry in HRM.

Colin May, 10 Dahlia Street Dartmouth, provided commentary on cyclists using pedestrian walkways.

Eliza Jackson, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre provided commentary with respect to the Integrated Mobility Plan.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 25, 2018 – Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant