



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 24, 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Wayne Mason
Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Shawn Cleary

REGRETS: Councillor Richard Zurawski

GUESTS: Councillor David Hendsbee

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 2:07 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 – March 26, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the minutes of March 26, 2018 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

The Transportation Standing Committee requested that Information Item No. 2 Memorandum from the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works dated March 15, 2018 re: Pedestrian Safety Semi-Annual Report be brought forward for discussion at June 28, 2018 meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, 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 – 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 Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received by the Municipal Clerk's Office from Colin May regarding Cycling in Victoria Park. Correspondence was also received in relation to Information Item 2.

This correspondence was distributed to members of the Transportation Standing Committee in advance of the meeting.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Bruce Clarke, Q.C. Buchells LLP, on behalf of the Transportation Association of Nova Scotia re: Vehicle Sideguard Protection required by HRM

Bruce Clarke, Q.C. provided a presentation on behalf of the Transportation Association of Nova Scotia respecting Vehicle Sideguard Protection for contractor vehicles required by HRM. Clarke displayed visual representations of large commercial trucks which require sideguard protection and expressed concerns from the membership of the Transportation Association of Nova Scotia on the practicality, cost, and fairness of mandatory sideguard protection for all contractor vehicles over a certain size. Clarke concluded the presentation by suggesting that further consultation should take place with members of the Transportation Association of Nova Scotia to better understand HRM's requirements for sideguards on contractor vehicles.

10.3.2 William H. Mahody, Q.C. Merrick, Jamieson, Sterns, Washington and Mahody, on behalf of the Nova Scotia Association of Road Builders re: Vehicle Sideguard Protection required by HRM

William H. Mahody, Q.C provided a presentation on behalf of the Nova Scotia Association of Road Builders respecting Vehicle Sideguard Protection for contractor vehicles over a certain size. Mahody expressed concerns from the membership of the Nova Scotia Road Builders Association on the practicality, cost, and fairness of mandatory sideguard protection for contractor vehicles over a certain size. Mahody concluded the presentation by suggesting that HRM and Industry representatives find a way forward to fairly implement sideguards on contracted vehicles.

In response to a question, Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation of Public Works advised that a report on the progress on sideguard implementation is anticipated at Council by the summer of 2018. Zvaniga clarified the intention of staff to engage with all stakeholders on the matter including industry representatives.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 March 26, 2018 - Memorandum from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated January 16, 2018 re: Protected Bike Lanes on Rainnie Drive – Parking in the Buffer

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated January 16, 2018

The Transportation Standing Committee discussed the information report dated January 16, 2018.

In response to a question, Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works noted that the bollards installed along Rainnie Drive have improved the situation for cyclists and motorists in that area. Zvaniga advised that work is ongoing to replace broken bollards and enhance curb segments along Rainnie Drive. A permanent bike lane for the area will be implemented in 2020.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Route 370 Porters Lake Pilot Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated March 29, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to maintain the current routing of the Route 370 Porters Lake as shown in the approved Moving Forward Together Plan.

Patricia Hughes, Manager of Service and Scheduling answered questions from the Standing Committee respecting the Route 370 Porter's Lake Pilot Project.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated May 24, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason.

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

Councillor Nicoll suggested that an update on the Active Transportation Plan be provided to the Transportation Standing Committee at a future meeting date.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS - NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – March 26, 2018

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the March 26, 2018 In Camera (In Private) minutes as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 Personnel Matter

14.2.1 Board/Committee Appointment

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A private and confidential staff report dated May 16, 2018

The following motion was approved in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

1. Approve the applicant outlined in the discussion section of the Private and Confidential report dated May 16, 2018 to the Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission and that the identity of the appointee be released to the public following the ratification and notification of the successful candidate.

2. Not release the May 16, 2018 private and confidential report to the public.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lindsay May, of Dartmouth, noted concern with respect to pedestrian safety in HRM parks, mainly in the Dartmouth Common. May noted that pedestrians have the right of way within the Dartmouth Common and that HRM has a responsibility to ensure that laws in this regard are being followed. May suggested that there should be a budget for appropriate signage and enforcement in parks to ensure pedestrian safety.

Paul Vienneau, of Halifax, recounted a personal experience of a cycling accident with a transfer truck that left Vienneau permanently disabled. Vienneau spoke in favour of sideguard protection for large vehicles contracted by HRM noting that it is a very reasonable expectation for contractors to do what they can to protect pedestrians and cyclist.

Colin May, of Dartmouth displayed photographs of the Dartmouth Common showing damage caused by cyclists in the park. May expressed concern that existing By-laws restricting the usage of bicycles in some HRM parks are not being adhered to.

Kelsey Lane, of the Halifax Cycling Coalition spoke in favour of Sideguard protection for large vehicles contracted by HRM noting that cyclist have the highest number of reported collisions with vehicles in HRM. Lane noted that the practicality of sideguards for contractor vehicles should not impact protecting the safety of residents.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 28, 2018, Council Chamber, 3rd Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – 1:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant