



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 28, 2018**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit, Chair
Councillor Richard Zurawski

STAFF: Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:24 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 – May 24, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of May 24, 2018 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions:

Item No. 10.3.2 Martyn Williams and Shelly Ogilvie, HRM Safe Streets for Everyone - Crosswalk Safety in HRM

MOVED by Councillor Cleary seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Two-third majority required.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

8.1 February 22, 2018 - Herring Cove Sidewalk Request – Supplementary Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A supplementary staff recommendation report dated May 17, 2018

The following motion was on the floor from the February 22, 2018 Transportation Standing Committee meeting:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the staff report dated November 21, 2017 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct staff to continue detailed design for the implementation of a new permanent street cross-section on Herring Cove Road from Lynnett Road to Civic 554, including sidewalks, bike lanes, bus stops and other elements and consider it for the 2019-20 capital budget, rather than pursue an interim option in 2018.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received for agenda item 12.1.1 which was previously distributed to members of the Transportation Standing Committee.

10.2 Petitions

Councillor Smith submitted a petition containing 816 Signatures in support of Lady Drive Her Car Service expanding its operations to the Halifax Zone.

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Crissy Mcdow, Owner Airways Car Service and Lady Drive Her Car Service – Taxi Licencing in HRM

Crissy Mcdow, of Lady Driver Her Car Service provided a presentation with respect to Taxi Licencing in HRM. Highlights of the presentation include:

- An industry rationale for the creation of a new category of Taxi Owners Licences for female only taxi drivers.
- Gender diversity and safety within HRM's Taxi Industry.

Mcdow responded to questions from the Standing Committee with respect to the costs associated with operating accessible taxis.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to assess options for improving gender diversity of taxi drivers in HRM, including the option of creating a new category of Taxi Owners Licences to be issued to females only with consideration to the following:

- **That the proposed new category would offer owners licenses to females without requiring them to be placed on a wait list; and**
- **The completion of a jurisdictional scan and consultation with the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.3.2 Martyn Williams and Shelly Ogilvie, HRM Safe Streets for Everyone - Crosswalk Safety in HRM

This matter was deleted from the agenda during the approval of the Order of Business.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 Information report from the Acting Director of Transportation and Public Works dated March 15, 2018 re: Pedestrian Safety Semi-Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated March 15, 2018

Taso Koutroulakis, Manager of Traffic and Right of way provided an overview of the March 15, 2018 staff report. Koutroulakis provided commentary with respect to provisions within the Strategic Road Safety Plan to acquire a new software system to analyze traffic data and identify gaps with respect to pedestrian safety. Koutroulakis provided further commentary on the legislative authority of the municipality to control traffic on municipal streets.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Strategic Road Safety Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated May 16, 2018
- Correspondence from the Crosswalk Safety Association of Nova Scotia dated June 27, 2018
- Correspondence from Walk'n'Roll' Halifax dated June 28, 2018
- Correspondence from the Halifax Cycling Coalition dated June 28, 2018

Taso Koutroulakis, Manger of Traffic and Right of way provided a presentation on the Strategic Road Safety Plan.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Strategic Road Safety Plan included in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 16, 2018, and endorse the vision and goals identified through the data analysis, public survey and stakeholder engagement process;**
- 2. Direct staff to immediately move forward with the next steps required to acquire the foundational data analytic tools, develop action plans and implement the Strategic Road Safety Plan;**
- 3. Direct staff to provide annual information reports to Transportation Standing Committee regarding the implementation of the Strategic Road Safety Plan.**

In response to a question from the Standing Committee, Bruce Zvaniga, Director of Transportation and Public Works advised that staff does not object to increasing the goal of reducing fatal and injury collisions in five years from 15 to 20 percent. Zvaniga advised that staff are interested in setting realistic goals in this regard.

The following amendment was proposed:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee amend recommendation one to reflect a 20 percent reduction of fatal and injury collisions within 5 years.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before the Transportation Standing Committee now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Strategic Road Safety Plan included in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated May 16, 2018, and endorse the vision and goals identified through the data analysis, public survey and stakeholder engagement process, to reflect a 20 percent reduction of fatal and injury collisions within 5 years;**
- 2. Direct staff to immediately move forward with the next steps required to acquire the foundational data analytic tools, develop action plans and implement the Strategic Road Safety Plan;**
- 3. Direct staff to provide annual information reports to Transportation Standing Committee regarding the implementation of the Strategic Road Safety Plan.**

In response to questions from the Standing Committee, Koutroulakis provided clarification on the ability of the municipality to build roads under current legislation, the analysis of traffic datasets for provincial roadways provided by the province, and the participation of the School Board during public outreach for the Strategic Safety Plan.

AMENDED MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Councillor Cleary – Painted and protected “sidewalks” on Winter Street and Crown Drive within the roadway

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A Councillor request for consideration form from Councillor Cleary dated June 28, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mason

THAT Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to assess a pilot project of painted and possibly protected “sidewalks” on Winter Street and Crown Drive within the roadway.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated June 28, 2018

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

16.1 Deputy Mayor Mason

“Take Notice at the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, I intend to move the following motion that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the opportunities and challenges related to adopting a maximum target design speed of 40 km/h for residential and collector streets as per National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Design Speed Guidelines as part of the upcoming HRM Red Book Design Standard Review.”

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Norm Collins, of the Crosswalk Safety Association of Nova Scotia provided commentary with respect to the Strategic Road Safety Plan. Collins alluded to correspondence submitted from the Crosswalk Safety Association of Nova Scotia to the Transportation Standing Committee which outlines concerns raised by the organization with respect to proposed objectives and goals identified in the plan to address pedestrian safety.

Meghan Doucette, of Halifax Cycling Coalition, commended staff for the Strategic Road Safety Plan and provided commentary that the goal to reduce fatal and injury collisions by twenty percent is not enough. Doucette advised that the municipality should adopt a vision zero approach and invest in infrastructure improvements to minimize risk.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 26, 2018

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Liam MacSween
Legislative Assistant