



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 23, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair  
Councillor Sam Austin  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Shawn Cleary

STAFF: Dave Reage, Director, 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 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:34 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:36 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Nicoll, Chair called the meeting to order in Halifax Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 23, 2019**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded Councillor Mason

**THAT the minutes of April 23, 2019 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 Cleary, seconded by Councillor Outhit,

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**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 – NONE**

**9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence**

Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant noted correspondence received for agenda item 13.1. This correspondence was distributed to members of the Transportation Standing Committee

**10.2 Petitions – NONE**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Jennifer Getz, Coordinator – Leading with Transit: Guiding Principles and Vision for a long Term HRM Transit Strategy**

Frank Palermo, Director of the Cities and Environment Unit of Leading with Transit provided a presentation on Leading with Transit's Guiding Principles and Vision for a long term HRM Transit Strategy.

In response to questions from the Transportation Standing Committee, Palermo advised that cities need to be more transit oriented for health, economic and environmental concerns. Palermo advised that strategies such as the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) and the Moving Forward Together Plan (MFTP) are a step in the right direction, but the goals are not aggressive enough. Palermo advised that 70 percent of trips should be made by Active Transportation and Transit as opposed to the 30 percent that is suggested in the IMP.

In response to a follow up question, Palermo advised that Transit should be used everyday and should not be focused on the commuter trip; it should be a viable transportation option for residence on a 24/7 basis.

## **11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

### **11.1 Information report from the Director of Halifax Transit dated February 13, 2019 re: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff Information Report dated February 13, 2019
- A staff presentation dated May 23, 2019

Derek Nawart, Project Coordinator, Planning and Scheduling and Erin Blay, Supervisor of Scheduling and Design, Halifax Transit provided a presentation and responded to questions from the Transportation Standing Committee in relation to the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study.

In response to a follow up question, Blay advised that the use of BRT in the municipality will be informed by large-scale municipal infrastructure projects and noted that the study did not take in to account growth that is associated with the Centre Plan.

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 Amendment to Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Reduction of Councillor Compliment)**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 22, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as outlined in attachment 2 of the staff report dated March 22, 2019.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **12.2.1 Formal Request for Changes to the Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A report from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated April 23, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to consider an amendment to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference to allow for public consultation and public participation at the discretion of the Advisory Committee.**

The Transportation Standing Committee noted note the distinction between public participation and public consultation as it applies to functions of an Advisory Committee of Council. -look at public

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **13. MOTIONS**

#### **13.1 Councillor Cleary**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Correspondence from Kelsey Lane, Active Transportation Coordinator, Ecology Action Centre

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on third party docked and dockless bike and scooter share. The report should indicate what by-law changes might be required, and identify any issues surrounding encroachments, etc.**

**MOITON PUT AND PASSED.**

### **14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

#### **14.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Citizen Appointments to the Halifax Harbour Bridge Commission**

This matter was discussed In Camera (In Private). The following motion was ratified in public session:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:**

- 1. Approve the recommendation as outlined in the private and confidential staff report dated May 16, 2019 and;**
- 2. That the private and confidential staff report not be released to the public.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

### **16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

### **17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Nicoll called three times for members of the public to address the Transportation Standing Committee, there were none present.

### **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 27, 2019**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant