



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
April 29, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Becky Kent, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Paul Russell
Deputy Mayor Tim Outhit

Guests: Councillor Deagle Gammon
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation & Public Works
Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Kelly Denty, Executive Director, Planning & Development
Colin Taylor, Municipal Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, Legislative Assistant
Mica Daurie, Legislative Support Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard,

THAT the minutes of April 15, 2021 be approved as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell,

THAT item 10.3 be moved after item 7.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard.

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting:

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

Additions:

15.1 Proposed Amendments to HRM Bylaw T1000

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

8.1 Herring Cove Road Functional Plan – March 25, 2021

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 21, 2020
- A staff presentation dated March 25, 2021 entitled “Herring Cove Road Bus Lane and Active Transportation Infrastructure”
- A staff presentation dated April 29, 2021 entitled “Herring Cove Road Bus Lane and Active Transportation Infrastructure”
- Correspondence from Bill Campbell, Director Walk n’ Roll and Meghan Doucette, Executive Director, of the Halifax Cycling Coalition

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Endorse the Herring Cove Road functional plan and further integrate with the recommendations of the recently approved Rapid Transit Strategy (2020).**
- 2. Initiate efforts to acquire property to widen various sections of Herring Cove Road to accommodate dedicated active transportation and transit infrastructure.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

The Clerk noted that correspondence was received for items 8.1 and 10.3.2. This correspondence was circulated to the Standing Committee.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Safety Issues Relating to Signalized Intersection Crosswalks – *Martyn Williams and Milena Khazanavicius*

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A presentation request letter dated March 16, 2021
- A presentation dated April 29, 2021 entitled “Safe Signalized Intersections”
- A handout entitled “Challenging conditions, avoidable harm: Mobility and safety issues for vulnerable road users at signalized intersections”
- A handout entitled “Recommendations for staff (and for councillors to publicly confirm their support)”

Martyn Williams and Milena Khazanavicius gave a presentation on safe signalized intersections noting that currently there is no safety infrastructure to protect vulnerable road users from vehicular traffic at most signalized intersections. Williams sought a road safety audit including driver yield rates, conflict incidences, hazards specific to disabled, senior and child pedestrians, and appropriate countermeasures that meet specific aspects/challenges relating to the different size and designs of intersections in Halifax.

10.3.2 Bayers Road Widening, Closure of George Dauphinee Avenue and Westmount Subdivision - *Eric Thomson and Ted Vaughan*

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A presentation request letter dated April 20, 2021
- A presentation dated April 29, 2021 entitled “George Dauphinee Access Closure”
- Correspondence from Councillor Shawn Cleary

Ted Vaughan gave a presentation appealing to the Standing Committee to support a temporary alternative to the design elements of the Bayers Road widening that directly and physically result in the closure of George Dauphinee Avenue as an entrance to the Westmount neighbourhood.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Halifax Transit 2020/21 Q3 KPI Report

The following was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated Marcy 17, 2021
- A staff presentation entitled "TSC Q3 2020/21 Report"

Patricia Hughes, Manager of Planning and Customer Engagement for Halifax Transit, provided an overview of Halifax Transit's 2020/2021 third quarter key performance indicators and answered questions from the Standing Committee.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 Councillor Mason - Establishing Protected Turn Movements for Pedestrian Safety

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini.

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report, to be completed prior to the start of 2022/23 budget discussion, that outlines options for a program for establishing protected left-turn movements and protected right-turn movements at signal-controlled intersections. The program should prioritize high traffic and pedestrian volume intersections and high conflict intersections.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) - NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS

15.1 Proposed Amendments to HRM Bylaw T1000

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard.

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to amend HRM Bylaw T1000 to ensure fairness in the process to become either a Taxi Driver or a Transportation Network Company (TNC) Driver, as well as to examine the fee structures for taxi brokers and Transportation Network Company (TNCs).

Friendly amendment accepted to include the examination of the fee structures for taxi brokers and Transportation Network Company (TNCs) to the end of the original motion.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Mica Daurie
Legislative Support