



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
June 24, 2021**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tony Mancini

GUESTS: Councillor Sam Austin
Councillor Lisa Blackburn

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation & Public Works
Colin Taylor, Municipal Solicitor
Andrea Lovasi-Wood, 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 1:03 p.m. and adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 29, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the minutes of April 29, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Russell

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

Correspondence was received and circulated for items: 12.1.3, 12.1.4 and 12.2.1.

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

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation – NONE

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Case 22257: Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions Presentation

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff presentation dated June 24, 2021

Katherine Green, Regional Policy Program Manager, gave a presentation on Regional Plan Review – Themes and Directions and responded to questions of clarification from Transportation Standing Committee.

12.1.2 Amendments to Administrative Order Number 12 Respecting the Appointment of the Traffic Authority -- Appointment of Traffic Authority and Deputy Traffic Authorities

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 17, 2021

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 12, Respecting the Appointment of the Traffic Authority as set out in Attachment 2 of this report to appoint Brad Anguish, P.Eng., as the Traffic Authority.

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer, gave a presentation on their nomination of Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation & Public Works to the Traffic Authority.

Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation & Public Works, responded to questions of clarification from Transportation Standing Community.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 Proposed By-law for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated May 28, 2021
- A staff presentation dated June 24, 2021
- Correspondence from Darcy Garrison, Daniel Watson, President of One-Shot Parking Solutions and Brandon Ellis, Halifax Regional Manager Target Park

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law V-200, the Vehicle Immobilization By-law, as set out in Attachment A of the staff report dated May 28, 2021.

Victoria Horne, Manager Parking Services, gave a presentation on the proposed By-law for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property and responded to questions of clarification from Transportation Standing Committee.

Steven Berkman, Supervisor Parking Enforcement, responded to questions of clarification from Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.4 Street Art in the Right-of-Way

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated June 2, 2021
- Correspondence from Sue Uteck, Executive Director of the Spring Garden Area Business Association

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue the use of street art, where appropriate, as part of Tactical Urbanism projects, subject to approval of the Traffic Authority.**

2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue allowing for art on sidewalks, subject to applicable by-laws, provided appropriate materials are used to ensure adequate slip resistance; and,**
3. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to only allow the installation of street art placemaking on lower volume roadways, except under extraordinary circumstances as approved by the Engineer, as outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 2, 2021.**

Taso Koutroulakis, Manager Traffic Management, responded to questions of clarification from Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the motion be amended to include new Section 4 which reads as follows; direct the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to approval from the Traffic Authority, to consult with accessibility staff and the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding the insertion of geometric patterned street art in the right of way when appropriate.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before Transportation Standing Committee now read:

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue the use of street art, where appropriate, as part of Tactical Urbanism projects, subject to approval of the Traffic Authority.**
2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue allowing for art on sidewalks, subject to applicable by-laws, provided appropriate materials are used to ensure adequate slip resistance;**
3. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to continue to only allow the installation of street art placemaking on lower volume roadways, except under extraordinary circumstances as approved by the Engineer, as outlined in the discussion section of the staff report dated June 2, 2021; and**
4. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the approval of the Traffic Authority, to consult with accessibility staff and the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding the insertion of geometric patterned street art in the right of way when appropriate.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Short Term Safety Measures Request at Joseph Howe Drive and Chain of Lakes Trail

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A recommendation report dated May 26, 2021
- Correspondence from Dave Hoskin

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Stoddard

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Request the designer present to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee when there is a design available, regarding the intersection where Joseph Howe Drive and the Chain of Lakes Trail meet;**
- 2. Urgently request a staff report on, and implementation of, short term safety measures for active transportation until the final project is implemented; and**
- 3. The correspondence be emailed to the project designer and the Transportation Standing Committee.**

David MacIassac, Program Manager Active Transportation, responded to questions of clarification from Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the motion be amended to so that Section 1 of the motion reads as follows; “request that staff present to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee when there is a design available, regarding the intersection where Joseph Howe Drive and the Chain of Lakes Trail meet;” and that Sections 2 and 3 be struck from the motion.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion before Transportation Standing Committee now read:

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request that staff present to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee when there is a design available, regarding the intersection where Joseph Howe Drive and the Chain of Lakes Trail meet.

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Daniel Watson, of Halifax, President of One Shot Parking Solutions, expressed concerns with the proposed by-law for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property. Watson’s main concern is the reduction of the fee that their company currently charges for immobilization to \$60 as it will make it difficult for the company to offer a living wage to its’ employees and pay other operating expenses. Watson requested that section of the proposed by-law be amended.

Brandon Ellis, of Halifax, Halifax Regional Manager Target Park, expressed concerns with the proposed by-law for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property. Ellis expressed concerns that the staff report did not perform an appropriate jurisdictional scan to compare service charges and that there was a lack of consultation with businesses regarding the impact of the proposed by-law. Ellis noted the negative impact the proposed by-law will have on parking and immobilization businesses in HRM.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Russell

THAT the meeting be extended to 4:15 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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Darcy Garrison, of Halifax, repeated concerns with the proposed by-law for Parking and Immobilization on Private Property. Garrison expressed worries that the proposed by-law may result in them losing their job with One Shot Parking Solutions. Garrison discussed their job and the benefits which the provision of an immobilization service provide as opposed to the towing of vehicles.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 22, 2021

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant