



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 25, 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Becky Kent, Vice Chair
Councillor Tim Outhit
Councillor Paul Russell
Councillor Tony Mancini

REGRETS: Councillor Iona Stoddard

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation and Public Works
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
Krista Vining, 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 3:16 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 28, 2021

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the minutes of October 28, 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

As provided for in Section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, Council requested that item 17 Public Participation be considered prior to item 12 Reports.

MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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 item: 12.1.1, 12.1.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Replacement of AO 2015-004-OP, Respecting Traffic Calming

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 17, 2021
- Staff presentation dated November 24, 2021

- Correspondence from Norm Collins, Bill Campbell

Jody DeBaie, Transportation and Road Safety Engineer gave a presentation on traffic calming.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Mancini

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council adopt Administrative Order #2021-005-OP Respecting Traffic Calming, including repealing Administrative Order 2015-004-OP Respecting Traffic Calming, as set out in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 17, 2021.

DeBaie, Taso Koutroulaski, Director of Traffic Management, and Brad Anguish, Executive Director, Transportation and Public Works responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Spring Garden Road – Impacts of a Daytime Transit Priority Corridor

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated November 1, 2021
- Staff presentation dated November 25, 201
- Correspondence from Sue Uteck, Jillian Banfield

Elora Wilkinson, Planner II gave a presentation on the Spring Garden Road daytime transit priority corridor and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

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

- 1. Proceed with a year-long daytime transit priority corridor pilot project on Spring Garden Road between South Park Street and Queen Street during the hours of 7a.m. – 8 p.m., subject to the approval of HRM’s Traffic Authority; and**
- 2. Monitor the operation of the pilot project and return to Council with a final recommendation on the configuration of the street.**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee amend the motion to monitor the operation of the pilot project and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with an update on the first 6 months of data after the commencement of the pilot project and the return to Halifax Regional Council with a final recommendation of the configuration of the street upon completion of the pilot project.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion now reads:

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

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- 1. Proceed with a year-long daytime transit priority corridor pilot project on Spring Garden Road between South Park Street and Queen Street during the hours of 7a.m. – 8 p.m., subject to the approval of HRM’s Traffic Authority; and**
- 2. Monitor the operation of the pilot project and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with an update on the first 6 months of data after the commencement of the pilot project, and then return to Halifax Regional Council with a final recommendation of the configuration of the street upon completion of the pilot project.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.3 2022 Transportation Standing Committee Meeting Schedule

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Proposed 2022 Transportation Standing Committee meeting schedule

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Kent

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the proposed 2022 meeting schedule as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE

12.3 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ken Wilson, President of ATU Local 508, the union representing Halifax Transit Works spoke on Halifax Transit buses being equipped with manufactured driver protection systems.

Sue Uteck, Executive Director, Spring Garden Area Business Association spoke on the impacts of a daytime transit priority corridor for Spring Garden Road.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 9, 2021

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Krista Vining
Legislative Assistant