



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
April 27, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Waye Mason, Chair  
Councillor Pam Lovelace, Vice Chair  
Councillor Trish Purdy  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Patty Cuttell  
Councillor Tim Outhit

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Councillor David Hendsbee

**STAFF:** Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Public Works/Traffic Authority/Chief Engineer  
Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor  
Krista Vining, Acting Deputy Clerk  
Lama Farhat, Legislative 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](http://halifax.ca).*

*The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 3:16 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 – March 30, 2023**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**THAT the minutes of March 30, 2023 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, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that item 17 – Public Participation be considered prior to item 12.1.1.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

**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 items: 10.3.2 and 12.1.2.

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

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Joint Regional Transportation Agency**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated March 2, 2023
- Presentation dated April 25, 2023

Mark Peck and Tanya Davis, Joint Regional Transportation Agency gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

### 10.3.2 CNIB Halifax

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated February 8, 2023
- Correspondence from Lui Greco, Milena Khazanavicius

Lui Greco and Milena Khazanavicius, CNIB Halifax spoke to their lived experiences as vulnerable road users navigating sidewalks around the presence of e-scooters. Greco and Khazanavicius urged the Standing Committee to consider the six recommendations included in their correspondence that could mitigate risk to pedestrians with sight loss. Greco and Khazanavicius responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

## 11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

## 12. REPORTS

### 12.1 STAFF

#### 12.1.1 Traffic Diversion – Short-Term and Long-Term Road Closures

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 24, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Lovelace

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft amendments to S-300, the Streets By-law, to provide a clear process for requests for short or long-term road closures on municipally owned roads within business improvement districts, as outlined in the staff report dated April 24, 2023.**

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

#### 12.1.2 Extension Options for Almon Street Bikeway

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 19, 2023
- Correspondence from David Trueman

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:**

1. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to monitor and evaluate use of the approved all ages and abilities east-west cycling corridor across the north end of the Halifax peninsula for a minimum of two years post-implementation and provide an update to the Transportation Standing Committee by 2026.**
2. **Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate a functional planning process to evaluate options to provide an all ages abilities cycling connection from Almon Street at Agricola Street to Gottingen Street as described in Table 1 of the Discussion section of the staff report dated April 19, 2023.**

David MacIsaac, Manager, Active Transportation, Mark Nener, Active Transportation Planner and Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Public Works/Traffic Authority/Chief Engineer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Councillor Cleary proposed the motion be amended to include the preparation of a supplementary report on the implication of a functional planning process to further develop and evaluate options to extend the approved Almon Street protected bicycle lanes west of Windsor Street to Connaught and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with recommended options. After further consideration, and with no seconder, Councillor Cleary withdrew the amendment.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer Item 12.1.2 Extension Options for Almon Street Bikeway and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a briefing note on the implications of initiating a functional planning process to further develop and evaluate options to extend the approved Almon Street protected bicycle lanes west of Windsor Street to Connaught Street and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with recommended options.**

**MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **12.2.1 Free Transit During Car Free Day**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee report dated April 21, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttall, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report on providing free transit during Car Free Day.**

Brad Anguish, Executive Director of Public Works/Traffic Authority/Chief Engineer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee discussed amending the motion to include encouraging walking and cycling. Upon further consideration, the Standing Committee decided to maintain the motion as is.

**MOTION 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**

**David Trueman, Halifax Cycling Coalition** spoke to the extension of the Almon Street bikeway and requested that the Standing Committee ensure that recommendations from staff follow the Integrated Mobility Plan's inverted triangle of hierarchy. Trueman urged the Standing Committee adhere to the three options listed in the April 19, 2023 staff report that favor cyclists first and include the adoption of one-way traffic.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2023**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Lama Farhat  
Legislative Assistant