



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 27, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair
Councillor John Young
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell

STAFF: Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Catie Campbell, Legislative Assistant
Simon Ross Seigel, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 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.

Councillor Austin assumed the Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 23, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of January 23, 2025 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 Morse requested that Item 14.2 Councillor Purdy be considered prior to Item 12.2.

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Andrea D'Sylva – Bussing to Beaches and Recreational Trails

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated January 13, 2025
- Presentation dated February 27, 2025

Andrea D'Sylva gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

10.3.2 Douglas Wetmore, It's More than Buses – 2025-26 Halifax Transit Budget and Service Plan

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated January 16, 2025
- Presentation dated February 27, 2025

Douglas Wetmore, It's More than Buses and Ben Hammer, Ecology Action Centre gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair noted there were no registered speakers and called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak; there were none.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – January 23, 2025

12.1 Councillor Purdy – Removal of Traffic Islands on Colby Drive

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 25, 2024

Councillor Purdy spoke to the topic, noting they would be bringing a motion forward under Item 14.2.

12.2 Councillor Cleary – Adjustments to Signs and Signals on Pedestrian Main Streets

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated December 2, 2024

Roddy MacIntyre, Director of Traffic & Parking Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Halifax Transit 2024/25 Q2 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated January 23, 2025
- Staff presentation dated February 27, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the staff report dated January 23, 2025 for information and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Patricia Huges, Director Planning & Customer Engagement gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Stewart MacDonald, Acting Director of Employee Support & Development responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13.2.1 Prioritization of Sidewalks and Multi-use Pathways in Cherry Brook

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee report dated February 13, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to request a staff report on prioritizing construction of sidewalks or multi-use pathways within the Cherry Brook community.

David MacIsaac, Manager of Active Transportation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee extend the time of the meeting past 3:30 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Councillor Cleary

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report investigating a policy allowing Councillors to use district capital funds to purchase a limited number of mobile speed display signs (SDS) for use within their districts as traffic feedback, monitoring, and reporting devices, over and above the current SDS that are now in use within Traffic Management.

Roddy MacIntyre, Director of Traffic & Parking Management and Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14.2 Councillor Purdy

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Consideration Form from Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report to amend Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, *the Traffic Calming Administrative Order*, incorporating amendments identified in the November 25, 2024 information report submitted to the Transportation Standing Committee on January 23, 2025.

Councillor Purdy provided clarification and requested an amended to include “direct the Chief Administrative Office to prepare a staff report” and remove the words “recommend that Halifax Regional Council”. As provided for in section 53 (2) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the amendment was accepted as friendly.

The motion now read:

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to prepare a staff report to amend Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, *the Traffic Calming Administrative Order*, incorporating amendments identified in the November 25, 2024 information report submitted to the Transportation Standing Committee on January 23, 2025.

Roddy MacIntyre, Director of Traffic & Parking Management and Krista Vining, Team Lead of Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

15.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Private and Confidential Report

This matter was dealt with in public.

The following was before Standing Committee:

- Private and confidential staff report dated February 19, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Adopt the recommendations as outlined in the private and confidential report dated February 19, 2025; and**
- 2. Direct that the private and confidential report dated February 19, 2025 be maintained private and confidential.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

17.1 Councillor Cuttell

TAKE NOTICE that, at a future meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, I intend to move a motion to request an information report on parking enforcement capacity to respond to after hours calls related to illegal parking on transit routes in residential neighbourhoods.

17.2 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee to be held on March 27, 2025, I intend to move the following:

THAT Transportation Standing Committee direct the CAO to provide a staff report on options for seasonal transit to a beach or beaches along the Eastern Shore.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 27, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants