



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

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor John Young

**STAFF:** Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works  
Chris Giddens, Solicitor  
Simon Ross Seigel, Legislative Assistant

*The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).*

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:12 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 – February 27, 2025**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

**THAT the minutes of February 27, 2025 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

- Item 16.1 – Update on Robie Street Corridor

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

**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 Ashleigh Boers, Ecology Action Centre – Ferry Options**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated March 17, 2025
- Presentation dated March 27, 2025

Devon Smith and Simone Mutabazi, Representatives of the Ecology Action Center gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Howard Epstein, Halifax spoke about the designated Robie Street transportation corridor planning process and the proposal to expand the street width to four lanes. Epstein expressed support for

maintaining three lanes and maintaining the existing street width while accommodating dedicated transit routes. Epstein proposed considering design options which could include bidirectional traffic signals.

Peggy Cameron, Halifax spoke about the designated Robie Street transportation corridor planning process. Cameron expressed concerns regarding cost increases as well as the scope of subjects considered within the previous staff report.

Susan Bennett, Halifax, spoke about cycling safety and spoke regarding a particular incident involving a motor vehicle driving dangerously. Bennett spoke to the reporting process and lack of appropriate resolutions for incidents involving dangerous driving. Bennett spoke in favour of designing and implementing a bidirectional paved active transportation lane on Terminal Road.

## **12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

## **13. REPORTS – NONE**

## **14. MOTIONS**

### **14.1 Councillor Cuttell**

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff information report on parking enforcement capacity to respond to after hours calls related to illegal parking on transit routes in residential neighbourhoods.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **14.2 Councillor Cleary**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

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

Dave Reage, Executive Director Strategic Infrastructure and Transportation Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

## **16. ADDED ITEMS**

### **16.1 Update on Robie Street Corridor**

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff information report on the Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor Project that provides an overview of the project origin, design options that have been considered, past Council direction, community engagement, project status, projected timeline for implementation, current budget commitments, and project risks.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 24, 2025**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Simon Ross-Siegel  
Legislative Assistant