



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 21, 2025**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Laura White

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 – June 12, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of June 12, 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 – Councillor Cleary – Halifax Transit Bridge Closure Inquiry

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Young

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 – None

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Matt Stickland – Traffic Calming Administrative Order

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated July 19, 2025
- Presentation dated August 21, 2025

Matt Stickland gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk noted there was one registered speaker, but they were not present. The Chair called three times for any other members of the public wishing to speak.

Colin May, Dartmouth spoke to pedestrian safety and concerns with motorized bike use on multi-use pathways and submitted a handout for the record.

Jordy Motts, District 8 spoke to amendments to By-law T-1000, *Respecting The Regulation Of Taxis, Accessible Taxis, Limousines and Transportation Network Companies* to create a new tourism operator category.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Amendments to Traffic Calming Administrative Order

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated May 26, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council adopt the amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, the Administrative Order Respecting Traffic Calming, as shown in Attachment 2 of the staff report dated May 26, 2025.

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

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Halifax Transit 2024 25 Q4 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 8, 2025
- Staff presentation dated August 21, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the staff report dated July 8, 2025 for information and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

13.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

13.2.1 Councillor Purdy – Air Conditioning Functionality and Cleanliness Standards on Buses

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request for Consideration form from Councillor Purdy

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report from Halifax Transit providing an update on the functionality of air conditioning systems and the cleanliness of buses, including:

- The number of buses currently in service with fully functioning air conditioning systems;

- Average turnaround time for air conditioning repairs, including how long buses remain in service without functioning air conditioning;
- Information on whether windows can be opened on all buses and if riders are permitted to do so when needed;
- Cleaning protocols for buses, including the frequency of cleaning and whether nightly inspections/checks are conducted for dirt, grime, garbage, and overall sanitation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS

16.1 Councillor Cleary – Halifax Transit Bridge Closure Inquiry

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide a staff report outlining the requirements and expected impacts of eliminating transit fares for ferry rides and bus trips crossing the MacDonald Bridge when pedestrian and cycling facilities on the MacDonald Bridge are made unavailable to the public, for Transit users who normally rely on those Active Transportation facilities, including anticipated costs, logistical concerns, and any necessary legislative changes.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – September 25, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants