



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 26, 2026**

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

STAFF: Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works  
Chris Giddens, Solicitor  
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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**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 – February 9, 2026**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Young

**THAT the minutes of February 9, 2026 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

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**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 – February 9, 2026**

**8.1 Halifax Transit 2025/26 Q2 KPI Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated December 18, 2025
- Staff presentation dated February 26, 2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the staff report dated December 18, 2025 for information and receive a presentation.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Hugh Burns, Director, Transit Fleet gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Stewart MacDonald, Director Employee Support & Development responded to questions of clarification.

**9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**10.1 Correspondence – None**

**10.2 Petitions – None**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 Prioritization of Cycling Infrastructure Projects – *David Trueman, Halifax Cycling Coalition***

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Presentation request dated January 11, 2026
- Presentation dated February 26, 2026

David Trueman, Halifax Cycling Coalition gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Derek Bellemore, District 10 spoke about the importance of road safety, the value of connectivity, the economic benefits of investing in bike lanes and upgrading road designs and infrastructure.

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

**13. REPORTS**

**13.1 STAFF – NONE**

**13.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**13.2.1 Benefits and Costs of Active Mobility Infrastructure Projects in the HRM**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee report dated January 22, 2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Young

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request the Chief Administrative Officer direct staff to prepare a report on a rigorous benefit-cost analysis for infrastructure projects and require that all ‘separated bike lane’ network projects and multi-use pathways projects include a comparison of financial costs and benefits (including safety, health, environmental, and societal benefits).**

Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants and Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.**

**14. MOTIONS – NONE**

**15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

**15.1 In Camera (In Private) Minutes – February 9, 2026**

This matter was dealt with in public.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Austin

**THAT the In Camera (In Private) minutes of February 9, 2026 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 26, 2026**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants