



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
April 23, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Kathryn Morse, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor John Young

**REGRETS:** Councillor Sam Austin, Vice Chair  
Councillor Trish Purdy

**STAFF:** Dave Reage, Executive Director, Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation  
Planning  
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 1:04 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 26, 2026**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Young

**THAT the minutes of March 26, 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 Deputy Mayor Cuttell

**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 Shared Mobility and Vision – Pam Cooley**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated March 18, 2026
- Presentation dated April 23, 2026

Pam Cooley gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

#### **10.3.2 Health harms and health care costs of increasing traffic in HRM – Catherine Cevin, on behalf of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and Vision Zero Kijipuktuk**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated March 25, 2026

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- Handout entitled 'Summary of CAPE's report Mobilizing Evidence Activating Change on Traffic-Related Air Pollution (TRAP) Health Impacts'

Catherine Cevin, on behalf of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and Vision Zero Kijipuktuk spoke to handout, highlighting the importance of reducing traffic and the health impacts associated with traffic-related air pollution. Cevin expressed support for the Municipality exploring short-term transit solutions, repurposing roadways and transit space, implementing electric buses, and completing the Cogswell District redevelopment project. Cevin also emphasized the importance of reducing and enforcing speed limits. Cevin advocated for a renewed commitment to the original Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities by 2035 and highlighted the benefits of trees and creating accessible greenspaces. Cevin responded to questions of clarification from members of the Standing Committee.

## **11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sydnee Blum, on behalf of Dalhousie Legal Aid Services, West End Halifax raised concerns regarding the widening of Robie Street, specifically the impact on tenants who faced eviction, and sought clarification from the Municipality on the applicable processes and any provisions for tenant compensation.

Chris Giddens, Solicitor suggested Sydnee Blum provide written submission of concerns and questions to the Clerk's Office.

Kathleen Flanagan, District 8 raised concerns regarding the widening of Robie Street, specifically the loss of housing and trees and anticipated increase in traffic. Flanagan encouraged the Municipality to explore more efficient, affordable and diverse alternatives to address traffic concerns.

Darryl King, spokesperson and leader for the Peninsula chapter of Nova Scotia ACORN spoke about the widening of Robie Street and encouraged the Municipality to prioritize funding toward the retention and improvement of affordable housing, and to develop a follow-up plan to rehouse displaced tenants along Robie Street at the same rental rates they were previously paying.

Jennifer Parker, District 9 spoke about the Incorporating Young People in Active Transportation staff report and proposed the Municipality adopt the existing key performance indicator of mapping the number of residents within 400 metres of a bicycle route for children and youth, with a focus on leisure and recreational travel rather than school-related travel.

Ben Hammer, District 7 spoke about the Halifax Transit 2025/26 Q3 KPI Report and expressed concern that performance metrics reflected only completed services, noting the absence of data on cancelled services created gaps in reporting. Hammer also sought additional information on transit operator recruitment and retention efforts.

Colin May, Dartmouth provided a handout and raised concerns regarding the use of electric scooters and bicycles on pathways in the Dartmouth Commons, emphasizing the need to prioritize pedestrian safety in the park.

## **12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – March 26, 2026**

### **12.1 Councillor Cleary - Incorporating Young People in Active Transportation**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated February 12, 2026

Mark Nener, Supervisor, Active Transportation Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cuttall

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**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to incorporate, as an option for consideration in the upcoming 2027-28 Budget, the opportunities to engage young people in the municipality's active transportation planning and develop KPIs to track progress, as outlined in the staff report dated February 12, 2026.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **13. REPORTS**

#### **13.1 STAFF**

##### **13.1.1 Halifax Transit 2025/26 Q3 KPI Report**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 14, 2026
- Staff presentation dated April 23, 2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Young

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the staff report dated April 14, 2026 for information and receive a presentation.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Marc Santilli, Manager Technical Services gave a presentation.

Stuart MacDonald, Director Employee Support & Development, Phil Herritt, Director Transit Operations and Patricia Huges, Director Planning & Customer Engagement responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

### **14. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

### **16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

### **17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

### **18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 28, 2026**

### **19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants