



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 24, 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Chair  
Councillor Tim Outhit, Vice Chair  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Shawn Cleary  
Councillor Sam Austin

STAFF: Brad Anguish, Director, Transportation and Public Works  
Colin Taylor, Solicitor  
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 4:05 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2018**

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the minutes of December 13, 2018 be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions: 15.1 South Park Bicycle Lane Evaluation Plan

The Transportation Standing Committee agreed to consider item 15.1 South Park Bicycle Lane Evaluation Plan as the first order of business.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**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**

The Legislative Assistant noted that correspondence was received regarding items 11.1 and 12.1.2, and this correspondence has been distributed to all members of the Standing Committee.

**10.2 Petitions - None**

**10.3 Presentation - None**

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

**11.1 December 13, 2018 - Information report from the Director of Halifax Transit dated October 9, 2018 re: Relocation of Express Buses from Gottingen Street**

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated October 9, 2018
- A staff presentation dated January 24, 2019
- Correspondence from Adam Reid, Stuart Cochrane, Alexander MacAskill, Matt Neville, Steph Lannon, Patricia Cuttell, Ross Cantwell, and Natalie Dugie

Erin Blay, Supervisor, Service Design & Projects, Halifax Transit and Harrison McGrath, Program Engineer, Strategic Transportation, provided the staff presentation regarding the relocation of express buses from Gottingen Street.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report that outlines opportunities and challenges for transit priority measures, including but not limited to transit signals, time of day bus lanes and/or dedicated bus ways in the new Cogswell district on Barrington from Cogswell to the bridge ramp and North Street, in part to support consideration of a possible reconfiguration of the bridge ramp as outlined in the Information Report dated October 9, 2018 re Relocation of Express Buses from Gottingen Street.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**11.2 December 13, 2018 - Information report from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated October 31, 2018 re: Parking Roadmap Implementation Study**

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated October 31, 2018
- A staff presentation dated January 24, 2019

Victoria Horne, Parking Services Program Manager, presented to the Committee regarding the findings of the Parking Roadmap Implementation Study. Horne responded to questions of clarification, noting that staff are looking to pilot a wayfinding strategy to direct drivers to both public and private off-street parking.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the report dated October 31, 2018 to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12. REPORTS**

### **12.1 STAFF**

#### **12.1.1 2018/19 Second Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicator Report**

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated November 13, 2018
- A staff presentation dated January 24, 2019

Patricia Hughes, Manager of Planning and Scheduling at Halifax Transit provided the staff presentation for the 2018/19 second quarter Halifax Transit key performance indicator report.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the presentation from staff on the 2018/19 Second Quarter Halifax Transit Key Performance Indicators and forward to Halifax Regional Council as an information item.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **12.1.2 Access-A-Bus Continuous Improvement Service Plan**

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated October 25, 2018*
- *Correspondence dated January 8, 2019 from Erica Lewis*

Mike Spicer, Manager of Transit Operations, provided the staff presentation regarding the Access-A-Bus continuous improvement service plan.

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct Halifax Transit to adopt the Access-A-Bus Continuous Improvement Service Plan, as outlined in Attachment A of the staff report dated October 25, 2018, and work toward achieving the vision of guaranteed accessible transit, and same-day service.**

Spicer responded to questions of clarification, noting that although there may be ongoing community engagement to encourage those who are able to use accessible conventional transit services to do so, staff do not recommend modifying the eligibility criteria for at least one year. Spicer advised that transit staff are working with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to ensure the engagement is effective and conversational when possible.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.3 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**15.1 South Park Bicycle Lane Evaluation Plan**

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 26, 2018*

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council approve the South Park Bicycle Lane evaluation plan as described in the staff report dated November 26, 2018.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE**

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Special Meeting February 5, 2019, Halifax City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – 10:00 a.m.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Phoebe Rai  
Legislative Assistant