



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 25, 2019**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Shawn Cleary

STAFF: Dave Reage, Director, Halifax Transit
Sara Knight, Solicitor
Phoebe Rai, Legislative Assistant

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The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2019 and February 5, 2019

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the minutes of January 24, 2019 and February 5, 2019 be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

The Committee agreed to defer items 11.1 and 12.1.2 to the next meeting of Transportation Standing Committee so that Councillor Cleary could be present to speak to them.

Later in the meeting, it was MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the information report from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated January 10, 2019 re: Issues with New LED Streetlights be forwarded to Halifax Regional Council for their information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Smith

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 – NONE**

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD

11.1 December 13, 2018 - Information report from the Director of Transportation and Public Works dated October 12, 2018 re: Feasibility of Red Light Cameras and Electronic Speed Detection Services

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated October 12, 2018

This matter was deferred to the next Standing Committee meeting during the approval of the order of business.

11.2 December 13, 2018 - Information report from the Director of Planning and Development dated October 2, 2018 re: Complete Streets Approach and Traffic Supplement Update

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff information report dated October 2, 2018
- A staff presentation dated February 25, 2019

Hanita Koblents, Principal Planner, Planning and Development presented to the Committee regarding the Complete Streets Approach.

Koblents and Peter Duncan, Manager of Infrastructure Planning responded to questions of clarification noting that staff integrates paving projects with work being done by utilities through the Halifax Utilities Coordinating Committee and there is a report targeting spring of 2019 to provide an update and timelines for amending the Municipal Design Guidelines (HRM Red Book) to incorporate best practices.

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF

12.1.1 Update on HRM's 2008 Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 31, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

That the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1. Direct staff to update the 2008 HRM Vehicle Anti-Idling Policy, and consolidate related policies into that update, based on the findings of the staff report dated October 31, 2018 and ongoing monitoring of fleet vehicle idling activity;**
- 2. Direct staff to evaluate the impact of the new consolidated Policy on fleet vehicle and equipment idling, fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions after two years, and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with a report documenting progress; and**
- 3. Direct staff to develop business unit-specific greenhouse gas emission targets to reduce idling and fuel consumption, coupled with employee coaching and feedback on idling behaviour and fuel consumption.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.1.2 Sidewalk Solutions for Winter Street and Crown Drive

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated December 6, 2018

This matter was deferred to the next Standing Committee meeting during the approval of the order of business.

12.1.3 Feasibility of Onboard Wi-Fi for Halifax Transit

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated October 17, 2018

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Smith

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to:

- 1. Amend the April 25, 2017 “Halifax Public Wi-Fi Solution Services Schedule” to the August 20, 2010 Master Services Agreement between HRM and Bell Aliant Regional Communications, and the Statement of Work executed with BellAliant on August 17, 2017, to
 - a. provide for the orderly termination of each of the party’s rights and obligations with respect to the design, installation and operation of, and payment for, access points at the Halifax Public Libraries’ public wi-fi sites # 4, 5 and 6; and**
 - b. provide for the design, installation and operation of, and document payment arrangements for, access points at the Alderney Ferry Terminal, the Halifax Ferry Terminal, and the Lacewood and Bridge Bus Terminals.****
- 2. In partnership with Halifax Public Libraries, begin a pilot program (lasting no longer than 12 months) to trial existing mobile library hotspots on up to 20 transit buses to gauge rider interest and understand support implications, subject to the successful negotiation and execution of relevant contract documents and purchase orders with HRM’s service provider(s).**
- 3. Based upon rider interest and findings from the preceding pilot program, consider development of a business case for expanding the service to additional terminals and/or additional buses/ferries and present the results to Regional Council.**

Marc Santilli, Manager of Technical Services, Halifax Transit responded to questions, noting that the pilot project would be implemented on up to twenty buses, but that it is logistically difficult to select specific routes, and support and maintenance would be provided by internal staff.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Implications of Including Motorized Use in HRM’s Support for Trails

The following was before Transportation Standing Committee:

- A report dated February 1, 2019 from the Chair of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the economic, trail user, community group and environmental implications of including motorized use in HRM’s support for trails, based on the request of the Halifax Regional Trails Association as presented to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Supervisor noted that Regional Council has directed staff to develop an Administrative Order to guide future support for community trails associations and interact with the Province of Nova Scotia to ascertain and align with their policy direction regarding active transportation facilities.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the motion be tabled pending the receipt of the staff report regarding community trails associations and active transportation facilities requested by Halifax Regional Council on January 15, 2019.

A brief discussion ensued, with staff agreeing to brief the Active Transportation Advisory Committee on the proposed Administrative Order before the report is presented to the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOTION TO TABLE PUT AND PASSED.

12.3 MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

13. MOTIONS – NONE

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

15. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cameron Ells, Environmental Consultant, addressed the Standing Committee regarding the HRM Anti-Idling Policy, recommending that practical and measurable opportunities to reduce emissions be pursued.

Councillor Nicoll called three times for further speakers, there were none present.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - March 28, 2019, Halifax City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax – 1:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Phoebe Rai
Legislative Assistant