



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 15, 2024**

PRESENT: Hugh Millward, Chair
Douglas Wetmore, Vice Chair
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Peter Zimmer
Paul Young
Anika Riopel
Brittney MacLean
Milena Khazanavicius
Michelle Mahoney

REGRETS: Elizabeth Pugh
Myles McCormick

STAFF: David MacIsaac, Manager, Active Transportation
Elizabeth Macdonald, 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 4:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 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 – January 18, 2024

MOVED by Douglas Wetmore, seconded by Milena Khazanavicius

THAT the minutes of January 18, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- Item 10.1 – Councillor Cuttell: Update on Walkways

Deletions: None

MOVED by Milena Khazanavicius, seconded by Anika Riopel

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – January 18, 2024

6.1 Legal Road Users Bicycle Club Introduction – Matt Stickland

Matt Stickland, Legal Road Users Bicycle Club spoke to the mandate, membership and long-term goals of the group and expressed their desire to work with Active Transportation as a stakeholder on future projects. Stickland spoke to concerns that transportation infrastructure was designed to prioritize motor vehicles and education campaigns by Halifax Regional Municipality, and safer streets had been largely ineffective. Stickland explained the Club's approach to making streets safer for cyclists was by demonstrating the shortcoming of current infrastructure. Stickland encouraged the Committee to reconsider the motion defeated at the November 16, 2023 meeting related to Item 9.2.1. Stickland responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

7.1 Correspondence - None

7.2 Petitions – None

7.3 Presentation – None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

9. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

9.1 STAFF

9.1.1 Active Transportation Update

David MacIsaac, Manager, Active Transportation provided an update on the business unit's plans to present a two-phase approach for improving safety on the Macdonald Bridge active transportation connection to Halifax Regional Council in the coming months. MacIsaac noted progress on the Almon Street bike lane, the installation of protected bike lanes and sidewalks on Dutch Village Road, plans to extend the Forest Hills Trail, and ongoing work with rural communities in HRM to install sidewalks. MacIsaac responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

10. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

10.1 Councillor Cuttell: Update on Walkways

Councillor Cuttell provided an update on the approval of the New Sidewalk Level of Service report at the January 23, 2024 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, the inclusion of a sidewalk budget in the Capital Plan, walkway connections in HRM and issues surrounding seasonal maintenance of walkways.

David MacIsaac spoke to the Sidewalk Level of Service report and responded to questions of clarification from the Committee.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 21, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant