



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 26, 2023**

PRESENT: Councillor Waye Mason, Chair
Councillor Pam Lovelace, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Lindell Smith
Councillor Tony Mancini
Councillor Iona Stoddard
Councillor Kathryn Morse

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit
Colin Taylor, Solicitor
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 1:04 p.m., the Standing Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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 – September 28, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the minutes of September 28, 2023 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 Lovelace, seconded by Councillor 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

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 12.1.2.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Norm Collins, Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia spoke to the Strategic Road Safety Plan – 2023 Annual Report, noting the Crosswalk Safety Society feels the report demonstrated expectations were not being met regarding the implementation of the Strategic Road Safety Framework. Further, the report failed to outline how data would influence future policy, effectiveness of traffic calming measures undertaken by the Municipality, the termination of the Heads Up Halifax education campaign not been replaced with a similar initiative, and enforcement reductions related to road safety. The Society urged the Transportation Standing Committee, Budget Committee and Halifax Regional Council to focus on funding

countermeasures for the 2024/25 Municipal Budget. Collins responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – August 24, 2023

12.1.1 Councillor Cuttell – Traffic Speed for School Zones – 30 kph

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated August 11, 2023

Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

12.1.2 Councillor Cuttell – Strategic Road Safety Plan – 2023 Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated June 27, 2023
- Staff presentation dated October 26, 2023

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management gave a presentation on the main findings of the Strategic Road Safety Plan – 2023 Annual Report, spoke to collision statistics in HRM, 2022/23 Traffic Management Projects, the development of the 2024 Road Safety Strategy, and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Roddy MacIntyre, Manager, Traffic Services & Road Safety responded to question of clarification from the Standing Committee.

As set out in section 34 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, a motion was required to extend the time of the meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee extend the time of the meeting past 3:00 p.m.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Halifax Transit 2023-23 Q1 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 11, 2023
- Staff presentation dated October 26, 2023

Patricia Hughes, Director, Planning & Customer Engagement gave a presentation on the findings of the Halifax Transit 2023-24 Q1 KPI Report. Hughes noted upcoming service changes beginning November 2023 and spoke to findings regarding increasing levels of ridership, passenger overloads, on-time performance, loss of service, customer service calls resolution times, maintenance costs and recruitment and retention policies, and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit spoke to the upcoming Annual Service Plan for the 2024/25 fiscal year and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

13.1.2 School Safe Streets Pilot Project

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated September 11, 2023

MOVED by Councillor Lovelace, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to formalize the process for a Safe School Streets Pilot Program within HRM based on the principles outlined in the staff report dated September 11, 2023.

Lucas Pitts, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.3 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE

14. MOTIONS - NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

17.1 Councillor Lovelace

TAKE NOTICE that, at the next regular Transportation Standing Committee meeting, I propose to move that the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding the removal of Hammonds Plains Road from By-law S-900, *Respecting the Establishment of Controlled Access Streets for Streets within the Halifax Regional Municipality*.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – November 23, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant