

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

September 20, 2012

- PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Watts, Chair
Councillor Debbie Hum, Vice Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Mr. Walter Regan
Ms. Elizabeth Pugh
Ms. Janet Barlow
Mr. Myles McCallum
Mr. John MacLennan
- REGRETS: Mr. Clive MacGregor
Mr. Lawrence Plug
Ms. Devon Peavoy
- STAFF: Ms. Maria Jacobs, Active Transportation Coordinator
Mr. David MacIsaac, Supervisor, Transportation Demand
Management
Mr. Paul Euloth, Regional Trail Coordinator
Ms. Jessie Debaie, Assistant Regional Trail Coordinator
Ms. Kate MacLennan, HRM Community Arts Facilitator
Mr. Quentin Hill, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Julie Vandervoort, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in Room 108, Bloomfield Centre.

2. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Mr. Regan informed the Committee of Sackville Rivers Association Open Houses on the Sackville Greenway Plan to be held October 1 and October 10, 2012
- Mr. Regan presented a plaque, on behalf of the Sackville Rivers Association, to the Chair and to Mr. MacIsaac for their assistance during Bike Week
- Ms. Barlow informed the Committee that the Planning and Design Centre is hosting a mayoral debate on sustainable transportation September 24, 2012 and also noted that October is International Walk to School Month
- Mr. MacIsaac announced two workshops on planning the peninsular bike network, to be held on September 26 and September 29, 2012

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 16, 2012

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Ms. Barlow that the minutes of August 16, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Mr. Regan, seconded by Councillor Hum that the order of business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES -- NONE

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS -- NONE

7. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Correspondence -- None

7.2 Petitions -- None

7.3 Presentations

7.3.1 Placemaking Halifax – Intersection painting project

Ms. MacLennan introduced Mr. Eli Gordon, present on behalf of Placemaking Halifax. Ms. MacLennan and Mr. Gordon provided a presentation, including a time-lapse video,

on the community Placemaking event that took place at and near the intersection of Black Street and Northwood Terrace, Halifax, on July 14, 2012. They provided clarification on the following points:

- approval process and sign-offs and the design process (including involvement by Traffic and Safety staff to ensure design does not direct traffic or appear to create a pedestrian walkway/right of way)
- the painting done by area residents aged three to 90 and the feedback collected by volunteers during the event
- the opening and closing ceremonies held to build community, the participation of Northwood Manor, and the contribution of additional arts funding by the 4Cs Foundation
- the estimate of more than 1,000 visitors and participants and the extensive media coverage
- the cost of materials (approximately \$2,700.00)
- the concern expressed by two residents about the safety of painted road surface for motorcyclists and the subsequent observation of the site for slippage or safety issues during or after rain
- creating an application form and process outline for other neighborhoods that express interest in a placemaking project

7.3.2 Sackville Greenway Concept Plan

Mr. Regan provided a presentation on the mandate of the Sackville Rivers Association, using maps to indicate the Sackville River area watersheds, the history of the Sackville Greenway and the proposed connection and intersection with the Halifax Regional Trails Association conservation corridor. He noted that more than 1,400 residents use the Bedford-Sackville Greenway Connector weekly. He requested the support of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for the proposed 12-kilometre extension.

Councillor Watts noted that all projects are currently being examined in the context of integrating the Active Transportation Plan Review. Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Euloth provided clarification on stakeholder consultations, AT route options and the coordination of the AT Plan Review and the budget timelines. The Chair requested that for the October or November 2012 ATAC meeting, staff provide further detail on the progress of the AT Plan Review and the budget cycle.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Mr. McCallum that the Active Transportation Advisory Committee endorse in principle the extension of the Sackville Greenway. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Updates

8.1.1 Safety and Education Sub-Committee – No report

8.1.2 Bike Week Sub-Committee – No report

8.1.3 Halifax Regional Trails Association (HRTA)

Mr. Regan provided an update on an upcoming Trail Camp in November and encouraged ATAC members to send representatives. He noted that several HRTA members signed up for first aid training and that the wheelchair accessibility logo is now on the six guaranteed wheelchair accessible trails in the Halifax Regional Trails system. He added that HRTA volunteers provided Trails information during the Switch Open Street event and noted the Fall 2012 Trail Challenge is underway.

8.1.4 Staff

Ms. Jacobs provided an update on the AT Plan Review and noted that staff are using feedback from the stakeholder consultations to compile a list of priority projects. She added that discussions on policy, process and networks are ongoing. In response to a question from Councillor Hendsbee, she clarified that in rural areas where the province owns the highway, the AT Plan is focussed on school areas and designated growth areas.

Mr. MacIsaac provided an update on the crosstown connector project, noting that there were four public rides over the summer which generated useful information and staff are currently completing the data on the Agricola Street parking area. He added that staff are working on the functional design of the crosstown route, that there was constant interaction between participants in the Switch Open Street event and the HRM information table, and that most Greenway trails within the municipality now have painted yellow lines. He noted that the bike maps are so popular that a new printing of 5,000 copies has been ordered.

Ms. Debaie informed the Committee of the meetings between HRM and Halifax Water involving sewer pipe work that will disturb some trail sections in the winter of 2013. She also provided an update on current contract letting for trail improvements, routing studies, the 2013/14 budget submission, the Dennis Bicknell Bridge on the Bedford Sackville Connector Greenway, and the Bissett Lake Bridge construction, adding that the Trans Canada Trail Foundation has allocated funding for the Bissett Lake Trail. She also noted work on sea level rise protection underway by the Atlantic View Trails Association and trailhead work by the Lawrencetown Cole Harbour Trail Association.

8.1.5 Committee Members

Ms. Barlow informed the Committee that nine schools in HRM have School Travel Plans, the Making Tracks safety training in walking/cycling is taking place in three communities and Fall River launched the Pace Car anti-speeding program on September 19, 2012. She added that, as of September 1, 2012, speeds in school zones were reduced to 30 km/hour in 50 km/hour areas. She noted that the Ecology Action

Centre (EAC) offers AT workshops and the Centre has provided input on the provincial tourism strategy and sustainable transportation strategy.

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Memorandum of Understanding with Halifax Water

The Committee requested that this item return for further discussion at the October ATAC meeting.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -- NONE

11. NEXT MEETING DATE – October 18, 2012

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Julie Vandervoort
Legislative Support