

TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

February 28, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair
Councillor Jennifer Watts, Vice-Chair
Councillor David Hendsbee
Councillor Darren Fisher
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse
Councillor Jerry Blumenthal
Councillor Debbie Hum
Councillor Bob Harvey

STAFF: Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation & Public
Works/Traffic Authority
Mr. David McCusker, Manager, Strategic Transportation
Planning
Ms. Sherryl Murphy, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor Watts asked that item 8.1 of the January 27, 2011 minutes be clarified that the motion was intended for HRM staff who travel by bike for business purposes.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Watts, that the minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 10.1 Councillor Sloane's March 1, 2011 Regional Council motion regarding the Winter Parking Ban
- 10.2 Appointment to Active Transportation Committee

MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the Order of Business be approved, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

4.1 Correspondence - None

4.2 Petitions - None

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

Councillor Barkhouse arrived at 1:20 p.m.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The draft Transportation Standing Committee Terms of Reference were before the Committee.

The Committee discussed the role of the Traffic Authority with regard to this Committee and Regional Council. Mr. Reashor indicated that reports have come forward in the

past on the role of the Traffic Authority, and Councillor Watts requested that something be put together for this Committee's information.

Members requested clarification on the Standing Committee's recommendations of appointments to boards and committees. Ms. Murphy advised that recommendations on appointments will be coming before the Standing Committee next month.

Councillor Hum inquired whether the Safe Communities Network Committee could fall under the mandate of the Transportation Standing Committee. Ms. Murphy clarified that the Safe Communities Committee is not a Committee of Council. The Chair requested that minutes from the Safe Communities Network Committee be provided to members for their information.

Mr. Reashor clarified at the request of members that budget items will go to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee for review, however if there is a specific budget item that members of the Transportation Standing Committee want to review, it can be arranged.

Councillor Watts requested that a synopsis of the transportation budget be presented to this Steering Committee.

**MOVED by Councilor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the Terms of Reference of the Transportation Standing Committee be approved.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

7. REPORTS

7.1 TIMELINES FOR TDM PROJECTS

A briefing note on the Timelines for TDM Projects dated February 28, 2011 was before the Committee.

The Committee briefly discussed the timelines for reporting TDM projects to the Committee.

7.2 PENINSULA TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

A briefing note Update: Peninsula Transit corridor Study dated February 28, 2011 was before the Committee.

Mr. McCusker provided an update on the Peninsula Transit Corridor Study and responded to questions.

7.3 MOTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE – January 24, 2011 – Appointment to Transportation Association of Canada

This item arises from a motion of the Administrative Standing Committee passed at their January 12, 2011 meeting requesting the Transportation Standing Committee to not make an appointment to the Transportation Association of Canada Board of Directors pending a review of the Terms of Reference. Discussion ensued regarding this appointment.

MOVED by Councillor Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that an HRM staff member with a technical and/or transportation background (as recommended by the Deputy CAO) be recommended for appointment to the Transportation Association of Canada Board of Directors instead of an elected official. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.4 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7.4.1 Update from Councillor Watts (verbal)

Councillor Watts provided a verbal update on the projects of the Active Transportation Committee.

7.5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

7.5.1 Update from Councillor Blumenthal (verbal)

Councillor Blumenthal provided a verbal update on the projects of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM (formerly called the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities).

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Councillor Sloane's March 1, 2011 Regional Council motion regarding the Winter Parking Ban

Councillor Watts commented that she believes the Transportation Standing Committee should have an opportunity to review the staff report on the winter parking ban, which is scheduled to be presented at the March 24, 2011 Transportation Standing Committee meeting prior to the matter being discussed at Council. Council may look to the Committee for advice on this matter at the March 1st Council session, and the Committee would not be prepared to give a recommendation without fully understanding the budget and service standard implications that would come from possible changes to the ban, which will be outlined in the staff report.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council defer Councillor Sloane's motion on the March 1st Regional Council agenda regarding the Winter Parking Ban until the Committee has an opportunity to review and make recommendation on the forthcoming staff report on the matter and further that all aspects of Councillor Sloane's motion be addressed in the staff report. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

In addition to this meeting Mr. Reashor requested a meeting in two weeks to discuss the funding options for the Dartmouth Transit Terminal. The Committee agreed on Monday, March 14th at 2:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant