

TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES

March 24, 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
Councillor Mary Wile (non-member)

REGRETS: None

STAFF: Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation & Public Works
Kirby Grant, Solicitor, Legal Services
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

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

At the request of the Chair, Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation & Public Works, provided a brief verbal update on the status of the Nantucket Transit Terminal funding options. He advised that the supplementary report is not yet complete as staff are waiting on further financial information, and will be presenting on this matter at Committee of the Whole this coming Tuesday. This presentation will frame how the project will move forward. With the agreement of the Committee, staff hope to hold a special meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee the second week of April to deal with this matter.

The Committee agreed to hold a special meeting on April 13, 2011.

Mr. Reashor also spoke to the Winter Parking Ban issue, noting that staff are aiming to have a report to the Committee for the regularly scheduled April meeting.

Additions:

8.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Councillor Appointments to Boards/Committees

8.2 PERSONNEL MATTER – Citizen Appointments to Boards/committees

Deletion:

5.1 Nantucket Transit Terminal Funding Options

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, 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 FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 NANTUCKET TRANSIT TERMINAL FUNDING OPTIONS

This item was deleted from the agenda. See item 3.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 TAXI & LIMOUSINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

A staff report dated March 10, 2011 was before the Committee.

Ms. Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk, presented the March 10, 2011 report to the Committee.

At the request of the Committee, Ms. Mellett clarified that the draft Terms of Reference included in the report maintains the current Committee membership.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend to Regional Council that:

- 1. Administrative Order Number Thirty-eight - *Respecting the Creation of the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee*, be repealed; and**
- 2. Council direct staff of Community Projects, HRP to constitute a Taxi & Limousine/Staff, Industry Liaison Group, as outlined in the Proposed Terms of Reference in Attachment C of this report, the purpose of which is to facilitate a positive, productive working relationship between HRM By-law Services and the Taxi and Limousine Industry and related stakeholder and to focus on service to the “common client”, the Taxi & Limousine users in HRM.**

Ms. Mellett responded to questions of clarification at this time.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2 NON-ACCEPTED/PRIVATE ROADS AND KEEFE ROAD, DISTRICT 17

A staff report dated February 11, 2011 was before the Committee.

Mr. David Huble, Manager, Design & Construction Services, presented the report to the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

1. **Approve Option No. 5 as outlined in the Discussion section of the February 11, 2011 report;**
2. **Direct staff to review and present to Council a possible funding plan for capital improvements to non-accepted roads for future Capital Budget Programs;**
3. **Continue to apply the Private Road Takeover Policy and recognize that any capital improvements for private roads be initiated through this policy only; and**
4. **Direct staff to review the service equity relationship in more detail relative to maintenance activities, and report back to Council with a resolution at a later date.**

At the request of Councillor Hum, Kirby Grant, Solicitor, clarified that there are safety issues for residents associated with many of these private roads that require upgrading and maintenance. She noted that just because HRM provides some maintenance on these roads does not mean that HRM accepts responsibility for the roads.

At the request of members, Mr. Hubley advised that there are approximately 89 private and non-accepted roads that have been identified by staff.

Members requested that staff provide clarification and further information on the following issues:

- Provide a list of all non-accepted / private roads identified by staff;
- Comment on the need for a narrower standard for country lanes from 66 feet to 55 feet, and the need for design standards for these lanes;
- Comment on the possibility of residents forming Private Road Associations if they don't want to comply with Municipal standards;
- Further comment on any liability the municipality may face with respect to the status of, and maintenance provided to, the non-accepted / private roads;
- How to distinguish between private and non-accepted roads;
- To identify cost estimates for 5/10/20 years of taking over these roads.

Councillor Blumenthal asked legal staff to look into ownership of the private lane between Agricola and Isleville Streets.

Councillor Barkhouse asked staff to check if there are any private or non-accepted roads in District 8.

Without the question being called on the previous motion, the following motion was placed:

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Watts, that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

Councillor Watts asked that staff look into the process of how residents will be consulted on this matter.

Councillor Barkhouse left the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

MOTION TO DEFER PUT AND PASSED.

7.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

7.3.1 Update from Councillor Watts (verbal)

No update at this time.

7.4 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7.4.1 Update from Councillor Blumenthal (verbal)

Councillor Blumenthal updated that the Accessibility Advisory Committee has been working to assess the accessibility of HRM owned buildings, to make recommendations of improvements to staff.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Councillor Appointments to Boards/Committees

This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting, and was now before the Committee for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Blumenthal, seconded by Councillor Watts, that the Transportation Standing Committee forward the recommended Councillor appointments made at the March 24, 2011 Transportation Standing Committee In Camera meeting to Regional Council for approval, for the following Committees:

- Active Transportation Advisory Committee
- Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM
- Canadian Urban Transit Association
- Halifax Dartmouth Bridge Commission

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 PERSONNEL MATTER - Citizen Appointments to Boards/Committees

This item was addressed at an earlier In Camera meeting, and was now before the Committee for ratification.

MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that the Transportation Standing Committee forward the recommended Citizen appointments made at the March 24, 2011 Transportation Standing Committee In Camera meeting to Regional Council for approval, for the following Committees:

- **Active Transportation Advisory Committee**
- **Advisory Committee on Accessibility in HRM**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 13, 2011

The Committee agreed earlier in the meeting to hold a special meeting on April 13, 2011 to address the issue of the Nantucket Transit Terminal.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle
Legislative Assistant