



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 26, 2015**

PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair
Councillor Russell Walker, Vice Chair
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Linda Mosher
Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHER: Councillor Hendsbee

REGRETS: Councillor Gloria McCluskey

STAFF: Mr. Andrew Reid, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor
Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to the Transportation Standing Committee are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCtransp/151126tsc-agenda.php>

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. The Standing Committee moved into an In Camera (In Private) session at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 22, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the minutes of October 22, 2015 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit,

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

The Legislative Assistant noted correspondence was received from Mr. Mark Ward regarding Canadian Forces Base Halifax Transit plans concerns and that this letter was circulated to all members of the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Walker

THAT the correspondence be forwarded to Halifax Transit staff for information.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

10.2 Petitions – NONE

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Halifax Harbour Bridges – Big Lift Update

Halifax Harbour Bridges staff were introduced: Mr. Steve Synder, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer; Mr. John Eppell, MacDonald Bridge Project Lead; Alison Macdonald, Communication Manager; and, Alison Curry, Community Engagement Officer.

Mr. Eppell described the Big Lift project stating there were 46 bridge segments to be replaced. He described the project as unprecedented, stating it was only the second time that a suspension bridge will have been kept open during redecking. He stated that the project would extend the bridge life by at least 75 years. Mr. Synder commented on the mandate of the organization, speaking to the October 19th delays and stating that further delays would be minimized and that it would be communicated as early as possible. He stated that the shuttle service averaged 15,000 people per month and that more than 300 cycling and pedestrian panels had been repurposed as active transportation and trail bridges.

The Chair recognized the presence of Councillor Hendsbee.

Councillor Walker questioned how rain and wind affect installation of bridge segments. He also questioned if the water pipe would be reinstalled. Mr. Eppell stated that higher winds were a constraint and they had a limitation of 54 km/h wind gusts. He stated that snow and rain would not halt the procedure. Regarding the water pipe, he stated that it was being installed with the segments.

Councillor Mason thanked staff for their presentation. He questioned if there were any noise complaints. He also questioned the timeline for completion. Mr. Eppell stated that so far there were none, though work was being done on weekends. Ms. MacDonald stated that there was regular communication to those living in proximity to the bridge. Mr. Eppell stated that there had not yet been an update to the schedule and that the segment replacement was not planned for completion before September 2016, with the project finishing in September 2017. He stated by the spring, he would be able to project the schedule.

Councillor Hendsbee questioned the outcome of the bike entry onto the bridge. Mr. Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer stated that Council had given staff a number of options to be brought back to Council in the Spring regarding the entry.

Councillor Mosher entered at 1:08 p.m.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

12. REPORTS

12.1 STAFF – NONE

12.2 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.2.1 Committee Update

Update received by the Committee.

12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.3.1 Committee Update

Update received by the Committee.

12.3.2 ATAC – Amendment to Terms of Reference

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 26, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request Halifax Regional Council amend the Active Transportation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, as outlined in Attachment A of the report dated November 26, 2015, to:

- 1. Alter the Committee's mandate to broaden its role beyond Bike Week to more broadly "provide support to HRM staff regarding education and promotion of active transportation"**
- 2. Alter the Committee's mandate to provide a means for the Committee to provide advice, feedback and guidance on matters related to active transportation to HRM staff when requested to do so by HRM staff.**
- 3. Alter the Committee's mandate to require the Committee to provide an annual report to the Transportation Standing Committee, outlining the Committee's activities and achievements that year.**
- 4. Alter the Committee's Terms of Reference to include a representative that promotes walkability in HRM, which would be filled through an expression of interest and appointed as outlined under the Public Appointment Policy adopted by Regional Council.**
- 5. Alter reference in 4.2 of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference from "Traffic and Right-of-Way Services, Regional Transportation Planning, Construction and Design and Regional Trails" to "Traffic Management, and Project Planning & Design" to reflect current departmental names.**
- 6. Alter 2.1 of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference to clarify and correct original document.**
- 7. Alter 5.2 of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference to remove reference to Bike Week Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference (Appendix A) as this document does not exist.**

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.3.3 Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety on Rocky Lake Drive, Bedford

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 9, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety on Rocky Lake Drive and Duke Street, Bedford and explore potential options for mitigation.

Councillor Mason outlined that the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) had received a presentation from Dexter Nova Scotia. Further information is contained in the ATAC minutes of November 26, 2015.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

12.4 CROSSWALK SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12.4.1 Committee Update

Update received by the Committee.

The Chair briefed the Committee regarding the November 26, 2015 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee. He stated that the Committee was interested the outcome of the March 10, 2015 Regional Council direction for the Mayor to write a letter to the Province considering legislation for non-monetary penalties for crosswalk violations. He stated there has been no response from the Province on the request to date.

A discussion ensued on the role of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC), with certain Councillors questioning the length of the Committee's mandate. One Councillor suggested that the safety component of crosswalks may be bolstered through the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). The Chair noted that a fuller discussion regarding the continuation of the CSAC could be held in January.

The Committee also discussed crosswalk flag placement and monitoring. Mr. Labrecque noted that the next iteration of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan is forthcoming and the matter can be discussed once the Plan comes forward. Councillor Mosher requested it be noted for the record that crosswalk flags must be located in the appropriate location and not in the median of the right-of-way. Councillor Mosher requested the number of crosswalk accidents before the formation of the CSAC and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and before and after implementation of zebra crosswalks.

13. MOTIONS

14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)

The Committee convened In Camera at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:10 p.m.

The following matter was ratified in open session:

14.1 Citizen Nominations to Active Transportation Advisory Committee

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

1) Proceed to nominate one citizen for the Senior Representative on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for consideration by Regional Council as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the report dated November 19, 2015

2) Proceed to nominate one Member at large on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for consideration by Regional Council as outlined in Attachment # 1 in the report dated November 19, 2015.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The following matter was ratified in open session:

14.2 Citizen Nominations to the Advisory Committee for Accessibility

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

3) Proceed to nominate one citizen for the Advisory Committee for Accessibility in HRM for consideration by Regional Council as outlined in Attachment # 1 of the report dated November 19, 2015

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

15. **ADDED ITEMS**
16. **NOTICES OF MOTION**
17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – December 10, 2015**
18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Andrew Reid
Legislative Assistant