



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 21, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Reg Rankin  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Linda Mosher  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Tim Outhit  
Councillor Russell Walker

STAFF: Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Kirby Grant, Solicitor  
Mr. Andrew Reid, 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 1:00 p.m., and adjourned at 2:58 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Legislative Assistant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and called for nominations for the position of Chair.

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Councillor Outhit be nominated as Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.**

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT nominations be closed.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Legislative Assistant declared Councillor Outhit as Chair of Transportation Standing Committee for a one year term.

The Chair called for nominations of the Vice Chair position.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT Councillor Rankin be nominated as Vice Chair for Transportation Standing Committee.**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT nominations be closed.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Rankin was declared Vice Chair of Transportation Standing Committee for a one year term.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 26, 2015**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the minutes of November 26, 2015 be approved as circulated.**

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

Additions:

15.1 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee Continuance

15.2 Integrated Mobility Plan

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey,

**THAT the agenda be approved as amended.**

Two-third majority vote required.

**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 a letter had been received regarding Metro Transit Bridge Snow Removal and was forwarded to staff for consideration.

**10.2 Petitions**

**10.3 Presentation**

**10.3.1 2015/16 Q2 Halifax Transit KPI Report**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff presentation dated January 21, 2016
- Information Report from the Director of Transit dated November 9, 2015, re: 2015/16 Q2 Halifax Transit KPI Report

Mr. David Reage, Acting Director Halifax Transit, presented the 2015/16 Q2 Halifax Transit KPI as described in the staff presentation dated January 21, 2016. He noted that full fleet installation of the Automatic Vehicle Location/Computer Aided Dispatch (AVL/CAD) project was underway.

Mr. Reage responded to questions from the Committee:

- Regarding drop in ridership, he noted the challenges of the bridge redecking and decrease in gasoline price.
- Confirming there is no fare increase within the 10 year budget plan proposed by staff.
- Where overloads occur for certain routes on the weekends, there is the option of deploying articulated buses.
- The Moving Forward Together Plan is intended to increase ridership and improve routes that are underperforming. The plan will be before the Committee of the Whole for discussion.
- AVL data will be made public, likely in late 2016.
- Regarding snow tires and information regarding safety of the buses during wintertime, Mr. Reage noted that a frequently asked questions section on the Transit web page provides information.

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 STAFF**

**12.1.1 Proposed Amendments – Bylaw T-1001 and Administrative Order #39**

The following was before the Committee:

- A supplementary staff report dated December 22, 2015

Mr. Kevin Hindle, Supervisor Regional Licencing, introduced the report. He noted the origin of the supplementary report was an October 2015 request of the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Adopt By-law T-1001, which includes amendments to By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines, as set out in Appendix B; and**
- 2. Adopt amendments to Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation, as set out in Appendix D.**

Regarding instruction on Taxi Owner's License Limitations given by the Committee at the October 22, 2015 meeting, Mr. Hindle confirmed that the direction was achieved through the proposed amendments.

Councillor Rankin voiced support for the motion. Councillor Rankin also questioned whether the Municipality would be taking on responsibility to monitor how drivers would be deploying mobility aids and securement devices. Mr. Hindle confirmed that oversight would be with HRM and the amendments would give the power to monitor drivers' responsibilities.

The Committee held discussion regarding licence holders being owners or drivers, with staff noting the history of the taxi bylaws and various options regarding licencing that had been before Regional Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.1.2 Transportation Standing Committee Draft 2016 Schedule**

The following was before the Committee:

- A draft 2016 schedule

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee adopt the draft 2016 schedule as amended.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.1.3 Mitigation of Development and Construction Impacts**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated January 7, 2016

MOVED by Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Develop Construction Mitigation Guidelines, as well as the appropriate by-law provisions necessary to implement the guidelines; and**

2. **Amend By-law S-300, the Streets By-law to include clear definitions of “Applicant” and “Contractor” as well as improved enforcement provisions, as outlined in the report dated January 7, 2016.**

Councillor Mason indicated he would be proposing two amendments. He voiced approval for the clear direction given to perform consultation, but noted a timeline was required, as the request had been brought forward to be in place for the 2015 construction season.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the motion be amended:

3. **Develop for possible inclusion in the Administrative Order a policy that outlines binding notification timeline requirements and a standard process for notification of abutting property owners and other stakeholders regarding construction related full and partial street closures.**
4. **Report back to this committee no later than the May meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.**

Councillor Mason stated that the guidelines should return to Council by June and be in place for the construction season in late summer and the fall. He stated that a standardized process was required whereby streets may not be closed for non-emergency issues without adequate notice. The Solicitor suggested a friendly amendment to qualify full and partial street closures as “full and partial temporary street closures.” The amendment was accepted by the Committee.

#### **AMENDMENT PUT AND PASSED.**

Councillor Walker commented that the report would only deal with street closures and it should be made clear the report would not address reimbursing loss of business.

The motion now reads:

**THAT that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to:**

1. **Develop Construction Mitigation Guidelines, as well as the appropriate by-law provisions necessary to implement the guidelines; and**
2. **Amend By-law S-300, the Streets By-law to include clear definitions of “Applicant” and “Contractor” as well as improved enforcement provisions, as outlined in the report dated January 7, 2016.**
3. **Develop for possible inclusion in the Administrative Order a policy that outlines binding notification timeline requirements and a standard process for notification of abutting property owners and other stakeholders regarding construction related full and partial temporary street closures.**
4. **Report back to the Transportation Standing Committee no later than the May 26, 2016 meeting.**

#### **MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

##### **12.1.4 Vending By-law – Types of Goods and Permit Fee Structure**

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated November 26, 2015

MOVED by Councillor Mosher, seconded by McCluskey

**THAT that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend to Regional Council that no amendments be made to By-law C-501 Respecting Vending on Municipal Lands as it pertains to the types of goods that may be sold on municipal lands; and that no amendments be made to Administrative Order 15 Respecting License, Permit And Processing Fees as it pertains to the licence fee structure.**

Mr. Christopher Davis introduced the staff report dated November 26, 2015. He noted a jurisdictional scan had been performed to determine what other municipalities were doing with their licencing categories. Mr. Davis stated the conclusion was vending licenses for selling golf balls were not available elsewhere.

Councillor Mosher requested the motion be defeated and indicated she would be moving the alternative. She acknowledged visibility and safety issues.

The Committee discussed the recommendation with note being made that the Committee should be mindful of the precedent to be set. The Solicitor also noted potential legal challenges in setting the precedent. Councillor Walker confirmed with staff that the matter concerned a single vendor and that any vendor may sell on private property.

Regarding whether a public hearing would be required if an alternative was chosen and the bylaw was amended, Mr. Labrecque noted that this would be at the discretion of Council.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12.2 HARBOUR EAST AND MARINE DRIVE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **12.2.1 Public Boat Launch – Dartmouth Shoreline**

The following was before the Committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated January 11, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to incorporate public boat launch opportunities into planning considerations of future private or public land developments along the Dartmouth shore.**

Councillor Walker questioned why the report would be limited to Dartmouth and if it could be looked at elsewhere. It was noted that that would require a second staff report, as the report addressed Dartmouth.

Councillor Rankin suggested a friendly amendment be made, inserting the word 'ocean' into Dartmouth shore. The motion now reads:

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to incorporate public boat launch opportunities into planning considerations of future private or public land developments along the Dartmouth ocean shore.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **12.3 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **12.3.1 Committee Update**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Walker

**THAT the updates for Committee Items 12.3.1, 12.4.1, and 12.5.1 be received by the Committee.**

No discussion was held regarding these updates.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.3.2 Permit Parking for Accessible Vehicles at Parking Meters**

The following was before the Committee:

- A recommendation report from the Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated October 21, 2015.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request staff, within the current parking by permit review, to consider options toward the possibility of creating on-street parking by permit for accessible vehicles at parking metres.**

Councillor Mason noted the motion was broad enough to enable the ongoing work on parking permits.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.4 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**12.4.1 Committee Update**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see Item 12.3.1

**12.5 CROSSWALK SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**12.5.1 Committee Update**

This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting, see Item 12.3.1

**13. MOTIONS**

**14. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE)**

*Council may rise and go into a private In Camera session, in accordance with Section 19 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, for the purpose of dealing with the following:*

**14.1 Approval of In Camera Minutes – November 26, 2015**

The following was dealt with in public session

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the In Camera minutes of November 26, 2015.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**15.1 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor McCluskey

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a report reviewing the status of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee.**

Councillor Rankin noted that the Committee has served its mandate, which was to develop the pedestrian safety action plan. He also noted that the Transportation Standing Committee or the Active Transportation Advisory Committee may also consider these types of matters.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**15.2 Integrated Mobility Plan**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Rankin

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend to the Audit and Finance Standing Committee to approve an increase to the 2015/16 operating budget, to reflect the approval to undertake the Integrated Mobility Plan, as directed by Council, with funding from the Strategic Studies Reserve, Q330, as described in the Financial Implications section of the report dated January 5, 2016.**

There was no discussion on the matter.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Vladimir, of Spryfield, identified himself as a taxi driver of 30 years. He stated concern for the state of the taxi industry which affects public safety and all involved in the industry. He suggested a Committee be formed to deal with the problem. He noted disrespect of the Taxi Bylaw and noted the situation has worsened over the past 10 years. He commented on bylaws not solving incidents but creating more problems.

The Chair called for any other members to come forward and as there were none, public participation was closed.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 25, 2016**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Andrew Reid  
Legislative Assistant