



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 8, 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Outhit  
Councillor Lorelei Nicoll  
Councillor Tony Mancini  
Councillor Lindell Smith  
Councillor Shawn Clear  
Councillor Waye Mason

GUEST: Councillor Hendsbee

STAFF: Ms. Jane Fraser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Colin Taylor, Solicitor  
Mr. Liam MacSween, 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 recessed at 1:35 p.m. the Standing Committee reconvened in at 1:43 p.m. the Standing Committee and adjourned at 2:55 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Outhit called the meeting to order in Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

- **Election of Chair & Vice-Chair**

Election of Chair

Mr. Liam MacSween, Legislative Assistant opened the called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

Mr. MacSween called three more times for further nomination. There were no further nominations.

Councillor Outhit was elected as Chair.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Election of Vice- Chair

Councillor Outhit called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Councillor Nicoll be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Transportation Standing Committee.**

The Chair called three more times for further nomination. There were no further nominations.

Councillor Nicoll was elected as Vice-Chair.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –September 22, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Smith

**THAT the minutes of September 22, 2016 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

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

Additions:

15.1 Councillor Nicoll – Request for Staff Report - Speed Limits in Residential Areas

Councillor Mason requested that the following information items be brought forward for discussion at the next regular meeting of Transportation Standing Committee:

Information Item No. 4 - Memorandum from the Director of Transportation & Public Works dated November 22, 2016 re: Overnight Non-Emergency Municipal Operations

Information Item No. 6 - Memorandum from the Directors Halifax Transit & Transportation and Public Works dated October 11, 2016 re: Responsibility for Transit Priority Measures

Councillor Smith requested that Information Item No. 7 - Memorandum from the Directors of Halifax Transit & Transportation and Public Works dated November 17, 2016 - Petition - Africville Museum Accessibility be brought forward for the next regular meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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

Two-third majority vote required.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**
- 5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**
- 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 – NONE**
- 11. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**
- 11.1 Regional Goods Movement Opportunity Scoping Study**

The following documentation was before the Transportation Standing Committee:

- *A staff information report dated November 17, 2016*

Mr. Dave McCusker, Manager, Strategic Transportation Planning gave an overview of the Information Report dated November 17, 2016. Mr. McCusker introduced Mr. Phil Davies of Davies Transportation Group and Mr. Jim Frost, of MariNova Consulting who provided a presentation with respect to the Regional Goods Movement Opportunity Scoping Study.

Councillor Outhit thank Mr. McCusker, Mr. Davies and Mr. Frost for their presentation and requested questions of clarification from members of the Transportation Standing Committee.

In response to questions from members of the committee, Mr. Davies noted that:

- Commuter rail in the corridor would have an impact on the movement of goods to the downtown if the rail cut is utilized for commuter rail.
- A third bridge crossing was not considered as part of the study as it was out of scope.
- The study identifies areas for further study such a cross harbour ferry for the movement of goods as well as a rail shuttle at the container terminal.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the staff information report dated November 17, 2016 be forwarded to Regional Council as an information item.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12. REPORTS**

**12.1 STAFF**

**12.1.1 Public Transit Engagement Model**

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated September 20, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council:**

- 1. Direct staff to continue developing project-based engagement strategies for public transit projects, ensuring that the most appropriate consultation strategy or format is used to solicit the feedback required to inform the project's development.**
- 2. Direct staff to work with Planning & Development on investigation of new engagement tools as per report to Community Planning and Economic Development Standing Committee dated January 6, 2016.**

In response to questions of clarification from members of the Transportation Standing Committee, Ms. Patricia Hughes, Manager, Planning & Scheduling, Halifax Transit noted the following:

- Staff conducts public consultations which are project based and can be tailored to certain projects or initiatives.
- Staff tries to frame each public consultation program in a manner which solicits as much information as possible.
- There are new formats available that can help strengthen public participation such as Twitter Town Hall sessions, which can also engage communities that do not normally get represented.
- HRM's Planning & Development department is currently investigating different ways to engage the public. Transit staff will be working with colleagues in Planning & Development to help modify its public engagement model based on the findings of the investigation.

The following motion was proposed for the consideration of the Transportation Standing Committee:

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee defer consideration of the September 20, 2016 and request a supplementary staff report with further information on the following:**

- **An analysis of comparison cities with 150 to 750 k population including further benchmarking and comparisons for those cities**
- **Cost range for Standing Advisory Committees using ATAC as an example**
- **Options for improving diversity and inclusion in current and future public engagement models.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### 12.1.2 Halifax Transit 2016/17 Q2 Transit KPI Report – Staff Presentation

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff Information Report dated November 11, 2016*
- *A staff Presentation dated September 22, 2016*

Ms. Patricia Hughes, Manager, Planning & Scheduling, Halifax Transit provided a presentation on the Second Quarter Halifax Transit KPI Report.

In response to questions of clarification from members of the Transportation Standing Committee, Ms. Hughes noted the following:

- Staff can provide a historic look at ridership numbers in its reporting.
- The Automated Vehicle Location plus project will be finished by the end of this fiscal year and will provide Transit staff with valuable real time data.
- There are codes and mandatory fields in the 311 system which helps populate data regarding transit services.
- The low income transit pass pilot program application form is available at HRM customer contact centres or online. There is a requirement for a notice of assessment from filing income taxes. Staff's intention was to make the application process as user friendly as possible.

Councillor Mancini joined the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT Transportation Standing Committee receive the Halifax Transit 2016/17 Q2 Transit KPI Report as submitted and forward to Regional Council as an information item.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### 12.1.3 Councillor Appointments to Executive Standing Committee, Community Design Advisory Committee and Canadian Urban Transportation Association (CUTA)

The Transportation Standing Committee discussed the Councillor Appointments and passed the following motions:

MOVED by Councillor Mason seconded by Nicoll that

**THAT Transportation Standing Committee:**

**Appoint Councillor Outhit to the Executive Standing Committee for a term to November, 2018.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Mancini, seconded by Councillor Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee appoints Councillor Nicoll to the Canadian Urban Transportation Association (CUTA) for a term to November, 2018.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Mason

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee nominates Councillor Mancini to the Community Design Advisory Committee for a term to November, 2018.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.1.4 Review of Report Requests**

The following was before the committee:

- *A staff recommendation report dated November 25, 2016*

A brief discussion of the staff report ensued and the following motion was passed:

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee review the attached list of report requests, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated November 25, 2016 and bring forward any items recommended Items 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 13 be withdrawn**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.1.5 Approval of Proposed 2017 meeting schedule**

The following was before the committee:

- *A copy of the proposed 2017 meeting schedule*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Nicoll

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee approve the proposed 2017 meeting schedule as amended/presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.2 MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE – NONE**

**12.3 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**12.3.1 Brunswick Street as a Candidate Bike Route**

The following was before the committee:

- *A committee recommendation report dated November 21, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on consideration of including Brunswick Street, from North Street to Cogswell Street as a candidate bike route in the 2014 Active Transportation Plan.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**12.4 COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**12.4.1/12.4.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Advisory Committee Updates**

The following documentation was before the committee:

- *A memorandum dated December 8, 2016 re: Committee Updates*

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Mancini

**THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Advisory Committee Updates be received as submitted.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. MOTIONS – NONE**

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

**15. ADDED ITEMS**

**15.1 Councillor Nicoll – Request for Staff Report - Speed Limits in Residential Areas**

The following documentation was before the Committee:

- *A request for consideration form dated December 8, 2016*

MOVED by Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Cleary

**THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report with a recommendation on how to reduce speed limits in residential areas.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE**

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mr. Jeff Blair**, an Advocate for Public Transit gave a short presentation on the Essential Elements of Good Transit and provided commentary with respect to improving transit services in HRM.

**Mr. Max Ristelli**, of Segway Nova Scotia provided commentary on recent changes to the Motor Vehicle Act respecting Segways. He provided further information on Segway “rules of roads” for the Province of Nova Scotia.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –January 26, 2017**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Liam MacSween  
Legislative Assistant