

TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2013

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair  
Councillor Jennifer Watts, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Barry Dalrymple  
Councillor Darren Fisher  
Councillor Waye Mason  
Councillor Russell Walker  
Councillor Tim Outhit

ABSENT:

Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF:

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy CAO  
Ms. Kirby Grant, Senior Solicitor  
Mr. David McCusker, Regional Transportation Manager  
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m. in the Media Room, 1st Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August, 2013**

**MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Walker, that the Transportation Standing Committee minutes of August 7, 2013 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Councillor Watts requested an update on the Road Network Functional Plan for the next meeting.

Councillor Outhit requested an update on the Commuter Rail Plan for the next meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor Fisher, that the order of business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 CROSSWALK SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**4.1.1 Letter of Support for TRANSED Conference 2018**

A report from the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee dated August 28, 2013 was before the Committee.

Mr. David McCusker, Regional Transportation Manager, reviewed the background of this request with the Committee, advising that the International Conference on Mobility Solutions around the World (TRANSED) is a high profile, international conference attracting between 600-1000 participants from up to 40 nations. The conference has twice been held in Canada (1986 in Vancouver and 2007 in Montreal). Mr. McCusker read the draft letter of support he had prepared.

**MOVED by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Dalrymple, that the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council that HRM provide a letter of support in principal for the TRANSED Conference 2018 bid.**

Councillor Watts noted that the conference was briefly discussed by the HRM Advisory Committee for Accessibility, which was excited for the potential opportunity.

Councillor Fisher left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Mike Labrecque, Deputy CAO, clarified that any HRM funding contributions would be subject to future budget planning. It is noted in Attachment B that the Letter of Intent need not contain budget information.

Councillor Dalrymple noted that Halifax should have a new convention centre by 2018.

Councillor Outhit asked that the letter extended HRM's best wishes for the bid to host the conference.

**5. ADDED ITEMS - None**

**6. NOTICES OF MOTION - None**

**7. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 2, 2013**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant

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**INFORMATION ITEMS - None**

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