

TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

April 13, 2011

PRESENT: Councillor Jennifer Watts, Vice-Chair  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Darren Fisher  
Councillor Jackie Barkhouse  
Councillor Jerry Blumenthal  
Councillor Debbie Hum  
Councillor Bob Harvey

REGRETS: Councillor Reg Rankin, Chair

STAFF: Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation & Public Works  
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. in the Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 14, 2011**

**MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the minutes of the March 14, 2011 Transportation Standing Committee meeting be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**Addition:**

- 8.1 PERSONNEL MATTER – Councillor & Citizen Appointments to Boards/Committees

**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**

**4.3 Presentations**

**4.3.1 CarShareHFX Initiatives – Pam Cooley, CarShareHFX**

Ms. Pam Cooley, CarShareHFX, provided a presentation to the Committee on the CarShareHFX program. Information is on file.

Mr. Ken Reashor, Director, Transportation & Public Works, briefly discussed the internal HRM car share program. He indicated that staff are looking at developing an RFP with CarShare, which will be coming to this Committee at a future date.

Ms. Cooley responded to questions from members.

The Chair thanked Ms. Cooley for her presentation.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

## **5.1 NANTUCKET TRANSIT TERMINAL FUNDING OPTIONS**

An information report dated March 8, 2011 was before the Committee.

Mr. Reashor advised that the supplementary report requested at the March 14, 2011 meeting is not yet complete on this matter. He updated that staff are proposing to bring this matter forward for Council's consideration during the budget process, since there will not be sufficient time to bring it to the Committee before the budget process. They will be proposing to shift funding from the Lacewood Terminal that will not be used this year, which would not require any projects to be cancelled or deferred.

Mr. Reashor responded to questions of clarification from members.

**MOVED by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Blumenthal, that the Nantucket Transit Terminal funding options be forwarded for consideration under the 2011/12 budgetary process. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – None**

The Committee agreed to extend the meeting time to complete the agenda.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK-RELATED BICYCLE TRIPS**

A briefing form from staff dated April 13, 2011 was before the Committee. Email correspondence received on this matter was also before the Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Fisher, seconded by Councillor Barkhouse, that the April 13, 2011 Briefing Note re: Reimbursement for Work-Related Bicycle Trips be referred to the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee for their consideration. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

### **7.2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **7.2.1 Overview of Active Transportation Strategy and Implications for the 2011/12 Budget**

A report from the Active Transportation Advisory Committee dated April 5, 2011 was before the Committee.

Hanita Koblents, TDM Coordinator, Traffic & Right of Way Services, presented the "Five Big Ideas" to the Committee.

**MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, MOVED by Councillor Hum, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee, that the Transportation**

**Standing Committee recommends that Regional Council consider during budget deliberations the reallocation of Capital Budget or some other option to incorporated \$2 million funding per year over the next 5 years for the construction of major high priority AT corridors, with public consultation.**

Ms. Koblents and Mr. Peter Bigelow, Manager, Real Property Planning, responded to questions of clarification from members.

Councillor Blumenthal left the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**7.2.2 Update from Councillor Watts (verbal)**

No update at this time.

**7.3 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**7.3.1 Update from Councillor Blumenthal (verbal)**

No update at this time.

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 PERSONNEL MATTER - Councillor & 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 Hendsbee, seconded by Councillor Hum, that the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:**

- 1. Approve the following Citizen appointments to the Advisory Committee on Accessibility, for a term to expire November 2012: Tom, Boyd, Troy Nauffts, Theresa Horwill, Mary Newcombe, Brian Aird, Jack Jones, Cynthia Bryant, and David MacLean;**
- 2. Approve that the Councillor appointment to the Canadian Urban Transit Association be a representative from the Transportation Standing Committee, as appointed by the Transportation Standing Committee annually, based on availability of members.**
- 3. That Councillor Hendsbee be appointed as the Transportation Standing Committee representative to the Regional Plan Advisory Committee.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE – May 26, 2011**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Jennifer Weagle  
Legislative Assistant