

TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES October – November 2014

9.3.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

October 20, 2014

- Staff presented options for potential sites for a service dog park to replace the current service dog exercise area near the Centennial Pool. Staff will be coming back to the November 17th AAC meeting to narrow down potential sites prior to seeking public feedback.
- The Committee nominated two members to the Nova Scotia Building Advisory Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility, at the request of the province. The Ad Hoc Committee will be reviewing the accessibility requirements of the Nova Scotia Building Code Act.

October 29, 2014

- Town Hall meeting held at the Bedford-Hammonds Plains Community Centre, facilitated by Councillor Steve Craig, AAC member.
- 30 members of the public, 15 staff and 5 elected officials attended.

November 17, 2014

- The Committee put forward to staff their top four proposed locations for the new service dog park. Staff will be coming back to the Committee at their December meeting to make a recommendation to the Transportation Standing Committee in January 2015.
- The Committee discussed safety issues with regard to sidewalk access during construction.
- Ms. Kelly Marney, HRM Webmaster, discussed recent work to improve accessibility to the Halifax Website, and discussed with the Committee the development of an Accessibility Policy Statement Website.
- Mr. David McCusker, Strategic Transportation Planning, discussed with the Committee how to ensure that street changes (i.e. bike lanes, parking) are considerate of the needs of persons with disabilities, and in particular the recent installation of the bike lane on University Avenue.
- The Committee discussed an email update from the Mayor's Office on an initiative taking place to install portable ramps for businesses.

9.4.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Update

November 13, 2014

- Constable Curry presented on bike safety, touching on topics such as the importance of Bike Week. Staff also advised it is soon time to start planning for Bike Week.
- Staff presented on the enhancements to the MacDonald Bridge Bike Lane, as ATAC will serve as a stakeholder group.
- The Committee discussed the Blue Route and methods for which the Blue Route may communicate with Councillors.

9.4.1 Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee Update

November 6, 2014

- The Committee held a short discussion on the crosswalk safety idea café in collaboration with DalTRAC.