



**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 15, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Ben Buckwold, Chair
Mr. David Jackson
Mr. James McMillin
Ms. Ella Dodson
Ms. Elizabeth Pugh
Ms. Julie Tompa
Ms. Kelsey Lane
Councillor Tim Outhit

REGRETS: Mr. Walter Regan
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor David Hendsbee

STAFF: Mr. David MacIsaac, Active Transportation Program Supervisor
Mr. Mark Nener, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator
Ms. Dawn Neil, Regional Trail Program Specialist
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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<http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/ActiveTransportationAdvisoryCommittee.php>

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - **Community Announcements**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and community announcements were provided.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2016**

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Mr. Jackson

THAT the minutes of June 16, 2016 be approved.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Mr. McMillin

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE**
5. **CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS - NONE**
6. **CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
 - 7.1 **Correspondence - None**
 - 7.2 **Petitions - None**
 - 7.3 **Presentation**
 - 7.3.1 **Integrated Mobility Plan**

The following was before the Committee:

- A presentation entitled, The Integrated Mobility Plan for Halifax Regional Municipality – Update June 23, 2016.

Mr. Rod McPhail, Integrated Mobility Plan Project Manager addressed the Committee and provided a presentation on the Integrated Mobility Plan for Halifax Regional Municipality. In his remarks, he advised that in February of this year, Council directed staff to carry out an integrated mobility plan. He advised that the Plan foundation comes from four objectives identified in the 2016 Regional Municipal Planning Strategy, as follows: implementation of a sustainable transportation strategy; promote land settlement patterns and urban design approach that support fiscally and environmentally sustainable transportation modes; forecast HRM's need for mobility and provide service and infrastructure to meeting this demand, and design complete streets for all ages, abilities and modes of travel. Mr. McPhail noted that the Plan will encompass: transit network, goods movement, active transportation, parking, road network, transit

priority, public safety, public hearing, environmental and sustainability and resilience, information technology, transportation demand management, finance, and land use planning.

Additional key points of the presentation:

- First round of public consultation is September 21, 2016
- The Plan is a long term vision outlining what the municipality's mobility network will be in the future
- The Plan is being undertaken in three phases: Phase One – project initiation; phase 2 visioning, consultation, analysis, and modeling, and phase 3 is integration, consultation, and optimization; currently the Plan is in phase 2.

Mr. McPhail responded to questions.

7.3.2 Active Transportation Connection Study: Chain of Lakes Trail to Halifax Peninsula

Mr. Mike Connors, WSP, addressed the Committee and provided a presentation on the Active Transportation Connection Study RE: Chain of Lakes Trail to Halifax Peninsula.

In his remarks, Mr. Connors noted that there is limited connectivity between the Chain of Lakes Trail (COLT) and the Peninsula and that the objective of the study was to develop and review AT connection options between COLT and George Dauphinee Avenue. He pointed out that the AT priorities plan includes a future connection between the Chain of Lakes Trail, at Joseph Drive and George Dauphinee Avenue. Mr. Connors noted the Study concluded with several recommended options for connections and he elaborated on each recommendation which are as follows:

- Crossing of Joseph Howe Drive
- Joseph Howe Drive to the CN Rail Cut
- CN Rail Cut Crossing
- CN Rail Cut to Vaughan Avenue
- Vaughan Avenue to George Dauphinee Avenue

Mr. Connors responded to questions; and Committee members provided the following feedback:

- If the railway cut is narrowed, it will provide the space that is needed, and it will also slow down the traffic
- A two-way active transit line that is 3 metres is very tight
- Suggestion that right-hand turns on red lights on Bayers Road be banned
- This is a 'game changer' for Halifax – it opens up Clayton Park to cyclists – should consider this piece of infrastructure as cycling only, with no mixed use.

8. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

8.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8.1.1 Discussion – Willow Street Local-Street Bikeway Proposal

The following was before the Committee:

- E-mail correspondence date September 7, 2016 from David Jackson

Mr. David Jackson brought this matter forward for a Committee discussion. He proposed that the Active Transportation Priorities Plan be amended to include a new corridor connecting candidate, Local Street Bikeway route Charles Street to Allan/Oak Streets. The new corridor would consist of a local-street bikeway starting at Charles Street heading north on Clifton, west on Willow, and South on Harvard ending at the 4-way stop at Allan/Oak. A short greenway would be built connecting Willow to Harvard (at Chebucto) through the Oxford Street School property.

A discussion ensued and there was general consensus in support of the proposal as it was seen to be a safe route and a viable option.

MOVED by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Ms. Tompa

That the Active Transportation Standing Committee recommend the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report with regard to adding a new corridor connecting candidate Local Street Bikeway routes Charles Street to Allan/Oak Street to the AT Priorities Plan, as presented to the Active Transportation Standing Committee meeting of September 15, 2016.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Dawn Neil, Regional Trail Program Specialist provided staff updates as follows:

2016 Construction Updates:

- Jennifer Place phase of Bissett Greenway under construction
- Canterbury Connection for Blue Hill Greenway under construction
- Extension of culvert in North Preston complete – sets it up for greenway connection into community
- Greenway from Saint Margaret's Bay Road (Shepherd's Run) to Horseshoe Lake Dr. is under construction
- Greenway on Dunbrack to connect Mainland North Greenway to Fairview will go out for tender in a couple of weeks. May not be built this year.
- Devonshire bike lane and pedestrian improvements should begin construction this week. Will be a one month or more job.
- University Ave. Bike lane installed. Some final signage details to resolve.
- Dartmouth Harbourfront Greenway segment between Tupper and Parker is out for Tender. Hope for completion this fall – not guaranteed.
- Sackville Greenway in pre-Tender phase. Goal is for Tender and earthworks to be completed this fall, with bridge installation and surfacing as early as possible in the 2017 construction season.
- Cogswell curb extensions to be implemented in conjunction with resurfacing of Cogswell between Robie and North Park. Should happen this fall.
- Cole Harbour Rd. paved shoulders. Award report going to Council on Sept. 20. Anticipate construction to begin shortly thereafter, but no exact timeline yet.

Update on Project Functional Planning:

- About to begin planning for Forest Hills Parkway. Should be public engagement this fall. Goal of the plan is to improve AT facilities from Cole Harbour Road to Main Street in conjunction with resurfacing in 2017.
- Planning well underway for Macdonald Bridge Bikeway access improvements. Public engagement to be in late October or November. Aiming to make a presentation to ATAC at November meeting.
- Planning for greenway from Chain of Lakes to Walter Havill complete. Hope to have it as a construction project in 2017.
- Chain of Lakes to George Dauphinee Plan almost complete
- Next phase of planning for South Park started. Public engagement this fall.
- Next phase of planning for enhancements to Brunswick Street bike lane underway. Will aim to update ATAC early in the new year.

Update on other projects:

- Local Street Bikeway AO at TSC next week.

- Working with HRTA Executive to update processes is ongoing.
- Planning for Capital and Planning projects for next year. HRTA Capital submissions in. HRTA Capital has reviewed and prioritized. Next step is staff review and consideration for HRM Capital Budget.
- HRTA member groups also submitting maintenance proposals for 2017-18.
- AT organizational review ongoing.
- HRM is installing eco-Counters that were purchased by HCC and Dal. Will be used to support planning in various locations new fence details.

8.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES - NONE

9. ADDED ITEMS - NONE

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 20, 2016

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Sheilagh Edmonds
Legislative Assistant