



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 19, 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Pam Lovelace, Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy, Vice Chair
Councillor Waye Mason
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor Tim Outhit

STAFF: Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works
Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor
Jamie D'Angelo, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. The Standing Committee adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of April 25, 2024 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants requested that Item 10.3.1 Road Safety Strategy Considerations – *Martyn Williams* be considered prior to item 8.1.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Later in the meeting, as provided for in section 37 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Lovelace requested that Item 11 Public Participation be considered prior to item 8.1.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

8.1 Road Safety Strategy: The Way Forward

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 14, 2024
- Supplementary report dated June 5, 2024
- Extract from the April 25, 2024 Transportation Standing Committee draft minutes
- Correspondence from Laura White, Bill Campbell, Norm Collins

The following motion was on the floor from the April 25, 2024 meeting:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Road Safety Strategy 2024, included in Attachment 1 of the staff report dated March 14, 2024 and endorse the vision and goal identified; and**
- 2. Direct staff to provide annual reports to the Transportation Standing Committee regarding the actions of the Road Safety Program and the Road Safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) identified in the attached Road Safety Strategy in the staff report dated March 14, 2024.**

Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works and Roddy MacIntyre, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. Pitts advised the Road Safety Strategy would be implemented with a holistic and systematic approach and that staff had worked with developers and engineers and informed them of the new requirements within the Red Book.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the motion be amended to approve the Road Safety Strategy as outlined in the supplementary report dated June 5, 2024.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. Adopt the Road Safety Strategy 2024, included in Attachment 1 of the supplementary report dated June 5, 2024 and endorse the vision and goal identified; and**
- 2. Direct staff to provide annual reports to the Transportation Standing Committee regarding the actions of the Road Safety Program and the Road Safety Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) identified in the attached Road Safety Strategy in the supplementary report dated June 5, 2024.**

MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for items 8.1 and 10.3.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations

10.3.1 Road Safety Strategy Considerations – *Martyn Williams*

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated May 22, 2024
- Presentation dated June 19, 2024

- Correspondence from Martyn Williams

Martyn Williams gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee. Williams spoke about an action plan to reduce fatal or serious injury collisions and explained how other areas within Canada approached road safety action planning. Williams asked the Standing Committee to look at the top priorities within the 2024 Road Safety Strategy. They suggested stakeholders needed to be involved in implementing the proposed action plan.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ben Hammer, Ecology Action Centre spoke about the Road Safety Strategy report and suggested the Municipality look at tactical infrastructure responses to rapid prototype safety for designs and better data on slip and fall injuries as part of crash response. Hammer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Laura White, Halifax spoke about the Road Safety Strategy report and suggested consideration be given to tracking absolute collision numbers, rather than per capita, include the size of the vehicles involved in collisions, and focus on reducing the amount of traffic on roads. White responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Matt Stickland, District 2 spoke about the Strategic Road Safety framework and explained the benefits of installing hard bollards around crosswalks. They suggested the Standing Committee look at the Municipality's snow removal process. Stickland responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Kendra Matis, Halifax spoke about the city's priority to transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – April 25, 2024

12.1 Councillor Purdy – Traffic Islands on Colby Drive

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff information report dated March 12, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee request the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to consider amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, *Respecting Traffic Calming* to remove Clause 28-B, to enable the removal of existing traffic calming islands on Colby Drive, to be replaced with speed tables, as described in Option B of the staff report dated March 12, 2024, in the 2025/2026 capital budget.

Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor and Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee respecting the process to give Notice of Motion to request a staff report. It was noted that as provided for in Section 49 (1) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the Standing Committee could waive Notice of Motion on two-thirds vote.

Roddy MacIntyre, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works spoke to the clause 27 of the AO 2021-005-OP that allowed the Traffic Authority or engineer to order the removal of any traffic calming measures if the installation of such measures resulted in an unforeseen operational or safety issue not identified through the develop of the traffic calming plan carried out under AO 2021-005-OP.

As provided for in section 66 of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, the motion was withdrawn with consent of the Transportation Standing Committee.

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Road Safety Action Plans

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff recommendation report dated June 14, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Outhit

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the proposed action plans, in principle, to address the ten intersections with the highest number of fatal and injury collisions as outlined in the staff report dated June 14, 2024.

Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works and Roddy MacIntyre, Director, Traffic Management responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS - NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION

17.1 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, I intend to move that the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report that examines revisions to residential parking permits that would charge differential fees based on length or weight of the vehicle, with higher fees for longer vehicles.

17.2 Councillor Cleary

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, I intend to move that the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report looking at adjustments to signs and signals that would truly prioritize pedestrians on street that are designated as pedestrian-oriented mainstreets in our land use planning documents.

17.3 Councillor Purdy

TAKE NOTICE that at a future meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee, I intend to move a motion to request the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a staff report to consider amendments to Administrative Order 2021-005-OP, *Respecting Traffic Calming* to remove Clause 28-B, to enable the removal of existing traffic calming islands on Colby Drive, to be replaced with speed tables, as described in Option B of the staff report dated March 12, 2024, in the 2025/2026 capital budget.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – July 25, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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Jamie D'Angelo
Legislative Assistant