



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
August 29, 2024**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Tim Outhit

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Cathy Deagle Gammon

STAFF: Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works
Trevor MacDonald, Solicitor
Dorothy Maponga, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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The agenda, reports, supporting documents, information items circulated, and video (if available) are online at halifax.ca.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m., and the Standing Committee adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 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 – July 25, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the minutes of July 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:

- Item 10.3.1 – Milena Khazanavicius, Walk & Roll Halifax re: biking infrastructure and “dangerous by design” aspect for blind and partially sighted

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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 – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item: 13.1.1.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentations - None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter Sonnichsen, Halifax spoke on the importance of emergency response and emergency preparedness considerations for the multi-use parkway (MUP) on Coburg Road.

Councillor Lovelace stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Purdy assumed the Chair.

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Dr. Maggie Barnard, Halifax spoke on the effects of Coburg Road MUP and the lack of appropriate resident consultation.

Todd Barnard, Halifax emphasized the impacts of the Coburg Road MUP, safety concerns, the financial implications and the need for the re-evaluation of the project plans.

Councillor Lovelace resumed the Chair.

Robin McAdam, Halifax spoke on the challenges associated with the MUP on Coburg Road and the safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists.

George Wayne, Halifax stressed the importance of resident consultation on the Coburg Road MUP and spoke on the impacts of the project on residents and the neighbourhood.

Colin May, Dartmouth spoke on the increase of electric scooters and cyclists in the Dartmouth Commons and the safety of pedestrians in the park.

Tony Gillis, Halifax spoke on the Coburg Road MUP, the safety concerns and the projects' limited value to the neighbourhood.

Laura White spoke on the residents' perceptions of bike lanes, unidirectional bike lanes, preserving green spaces, encouraging cycling and walking, raised crosswalks and protected intersections.

Sue Uteck, Halifax highlighted the implications of the University Avenue and West and East Connections project on businesses on Spring Garden Road, the lack of public input, traffic concerns and the financial implications of the project.

Andrea Hilchie-Pye, Halifax spoke on the challenges resulting from the implementation of the Peninsula South Complete Streets project and the importance of active public engagement during the process.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Implementation of Peninsula South Complete Streets: University Avenue and West and East Connections

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated July 29, 2024
- Correspondence from LesleyAnna Patten, Lynne Gaunce, Daphne Tallon, Karen Mitchell, David Trueman, Diane Metzger, Colleen McCarville, Larry Haiven, Adam Travis, Peter Smith, Sara Kirk, Beverly W. Miller, Tony Gillis, William Breckenridge, Jennie Dailey-O'Cain, Crane Stookey, Peggy Cameron
- Staff presentation dated August 29, 2024

Mark Nener, Supervisor, Active Transportation Planning gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Councillor Lovelace stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Purdy assumed the Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttall

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

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- 1. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and related changes on University Avenue from LeMarchant Street to South Park Street as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 29, 2024.**
- 2. Subject to the approval of Recommendation 1 above, approve the use of the *Peninsula South Streetscape Design Guidelines* as a guide for the implementation of the public realm improvements along University Avenue.**
- 3. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and related changes on Morris Street from South Park Street to Lower Water Street, including conversion of Morris Street to one-way eastbound for motor vehicle traffic, as described in the Discussion section.**
- 4. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and other related changes to Seymour Street (University Avenue to South Street), South Street (Seymour Street to Cartaret Street), Cartaret Street, and Oakland Road (Robie Street to Beaufort Avenue) as described in the Discussion section.**

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the motion be amended to add part 5 to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report regarding potential for including the full South Street Two-way Raised Bikeway (Concept 3A) as a part of the Halifax Urban Greenway project when planning the construction of the Oxford Street facility connecting the Beaufort and Coburg MUPS.

Nener, Patricia Hughes, Director of Planning & Customer Engagement, Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works and Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

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MOTION AS AMENDED PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 2, 2024 (if required)

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Dorothy Maponga
Legislative Assistant