



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 23, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair
Councillor John Young
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Laura White

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Halifax Transit Services
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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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 – December 11, 2024

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the minutes of December 11, 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 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Purdy requested that Information Item 3 – Removal of Traffic Islands on Colby Drive be brought forward at the next Transportation Standing Committee Meeting.

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Cleary requested that Information Item 2 – Adjustments to Signs and Signals on Pedestrian Main Streets be brought forward at the next Transportation Standing Committee Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

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. 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 items: 13.1.1 and 13.1.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter Zimmer, Halifax spoke to the 2024 Road Safety Annual Report. Zimmer commented on Regional Council supporting Vision Zero and the Integrated Mobility Plan, and suggested the reduction of speed limits, the use of automated enforcement, and encouraged the Municipality to be a leader and to advocate to the Province. Zimmer responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

Howard Epstein, Halifax spoke to the Robie Street transportation corridor between North Street to Chebucto Road and provided a handout that outlined their recommendations.

Peggy Cameron, Halifax provided a handout and expressed concern with the Municipality's plan to widen Robie Street.

Norm Collins, Halifax spoke to the 2024 Road Safety Annual Report, highlighting their comments outlined in their correspondence provided for item 13.1.2.

Matt Stickland, District 2 spoke to the Proposed Residential Parking Permit Surcharge for Long Vehicles report. Stickland expressed concern that the fiscal responsibility assessment was not being implemented by the Municipality's business units.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Proposed Residential Parking Permit Surcharge for Long Vehicles

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated November 22, 2024
- Correspondence from Matt Stickland

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council maintain the current one-size-fits-all permit pricing strategy.

Councillor Cleary suggested defeating the motion so they could bring an alternate motion to investigate a pricing model based on the vehicle's weight.

MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report to investigate a different pricing model that charges more based on vehicle characteristics other than length.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 2024 Road Safety Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated December 5, 2024
- Staff presentation dated January 23, 2025
- Correspondence from Andrea Lantz Powers, Norm Collins, Martyn Williams

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT Transportation Standing Committee receive the report dated December 5, 2024 for information and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Samantha Trask, Supervisor Road Safety & Transportation gave a presentation.

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

Councillor Austin stepped down from the Chair and Councillor Morse assumed the Chair.

Councillor Austin resumed the Chair.

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 the next meeting of the Transportation Standing Committee to be held on February 27, 2025, I intent to bring forward the following motion:

That the Transportation Standing Committee direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a report investigating a policy allowing Councillors to use district capital funds to purchase a limited number of mobile speed display signs (SDS) for use within their districts as traffic feedback, monitoring, and reporting devices, over and above the current SDS that are now in use within Traffic Management.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February 27, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants