



Executive Panel on Housing in HRM Minutes

February 29, 2024

Present:

Vicki Elliott-Lopez, Jarrod Baboushkin, Peter Duncan, Erin MacIntyre, Mark Peachey, Kristin O'Toole Scott, Tanya Davis, and Kathy Cox-Brown.

Regrets:

Paula Sibley-Fox and Ellen Kelly

Agenda Items

1. PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1. Welcome & Call to Order
 - The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda
 - No amendments were made.
Motion: Jarrod Baboushkin
Second: Peter Duncan
Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott-Lopez
- 1.3. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes for February 15, 2024, and February 22, 2024, agenda were circulated prior to the meeting.
 - February 15, 2024, and February 22, 2024, meeting minutes were approved.
Motion: Jarrod Baboushkin
Second: Erin MacIntyre
Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott-Lopez

2. JOINT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (JRTA) PRESENTATION

- 2.1. Tanya Davis, Vice President, JRTA presented:
 - An overview of JRTA including mission and vision,
 - Highlighted the connections and collaborative approach taken between transportation and land-use planning with regional partners.
 - Discussion on the Regional Transportation Plan
 - The plan will provide a coordinated long-term vision for a regional transportation system that makes sustainable growth and development possible and improves the safe and efficient movement of people and goods into, out of, and through Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and surrounding communities. The focus of the study is on HRM, including communities that are 1 to 1.5 hours driving time from HRM.
 - The plan will be data driven.



- Target completion date of November 2024.

2.2. Panel Discussions

- Advancing transportation solutions through collaboration between transit, housing, and infrastructure partners is key to being successful in meeting growth targets.
- Need to leverage infrastructure investments strategically to ensure alignment with multiple objectives.
- Transportation modelling and data will provide insight into infrastructure to support future growth needs.

3. PANEL WORK ITEMS

3.1 Permit and Application Review

- A request for proposals was issued. Currently reviewing the three proposals received. More information will be shared at a future meeting.

3.2 Stantec Future Serviced Community Studies – Next Steps

- An updated transportation model has been created and will inform potential transportation impacts, transit routes and requirements, as well as infrastructure upgrades.
- Complete report is expected later in 2024.
- HRM will check back with deliverables and suggest next steps.

4. IN-CAMERA

- Motion to move meeting in-camera at 1:31 pm

Motion: Erin MacIntyre

Second: Peter Duncan

Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott-Lopez

- Motion to move meeting out of camera at 1:52 pm

Motion: Jarrod Baboushkin

Second: Erin MacIntyre

Carried: Chair, Vicki Elliott-Lopez

5. ROUND TABLE:

- It was noted traffic study was progressing in Dartmouth Crossing Special Planning Area. HRM will meet with the consultant for Dartmouth Crossing to verify scope and requirements.

6. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting: March 21, 2024.



7. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm