

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, October 18, 2007

The Lakes' Banquet Room, 4670 Elk Lake Road, Victoria

- Present:** Chris Foord, Transportation Consultant, Co-Chair
Dr. Richard Stanwick, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Co-Chair
Cpl. Beth Blackburn (on behalf of S/Sgt. Doug Newman, Integrated Road Safety Unit)
Insp. Bob Downie, District of Saanich Police
Julie Duhamel, Public Health Nursing
Supt. Paul Leslie, B.C. Ambulance Service
Barb McLintock, Media & B.C. Coroners Service
Alan Perry, Media & Bike to Work Victoria
Cst. Ingrid Thatcher (on behalf of Insp. Ted Smith, RCMP Vancouver Island Traffic Services)
Director Leif Wergeland, Capital Regional District
Diana Vanmoerkerke, Recording Secretary
- Regrets:** Joe Cardle, School District No. 61
Sgt. Rob Dibden, City of Victoria Police
Chief Paul Hames, B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police
Bill Johnston, University of Victoria Campus Security
Colleen Woodger, ICBC
- Guests:** Andrew Agate, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Judy Dryden, BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation
Cst. Dave Hay, RCMP South Island Traffic Services
Bill Laughlin, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Deputy Chief Kent Thom, Oak Bay Police and IRSU

On behalf of the Commission, Co-Chair Foord welcomed the guests to the meeting and self-introductions followed.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Malahat Safety Campaign
- Bike-Helmet Wearing Rates

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES – September 20, 2007

The last sentence in the first paragraph on page 4 should read *Ms. Dryden advised that the BCAA TSF plans to conduct a program around the province starting in the fall for parents of young drivers.*

MOVED by Director Wergeland, **SECONDED** by Mr. Perry, that the minutes of the meeting held September 20, 2007, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MALAHAT SAFETY CAMPAIGN

MOVED by Co-Chair Stanwick, **SECONDED** by Ms. McLintock, that the CRD Traffic Safety Commission's recommendations to make the Malahat safer be approved.

Discussion ~ Co-Chair Foord and Mr. Perry reviewed the draft recommendations and their rationale based on the Commission's *Making the Malahat Safer* campaign, as amended since the Commission's last meeting.

Commission members have met with RCMP Insp. Norm Gaumont to review the draft recommendations. Insp. Gaumont indicated his support for the recommendations and suggested the Commission may want to propose implementing the recommendations as a pilot project. However, his preference for enhanced enforcement is up-Island and other parts of the province due to the disproportion of fatalities. Recognizing the RCMP's limited staff resources for a dedicated police Road Safety Unit to cover the stretch of Highway #1 from Spencer Road north to the southern boundary of Nanaimo, the recommendation could still pave the way for the other recommendations. An alternative to increase resources is to expand the mandate of local police forces.

Establishing Traffic Safety Corridors could be implemented with existing resources. Prominent signage would warn motorists they are entering a Traffic Safety Corridor and of the consequences of dangerous driving in the corridor. There was general agreement that the rational should make reference to: a) the coordinated focus by all the agencies involved in Malahat safety issues, and b) traffic safety corridors could build on enforcement currently in place for driving through construction zones.

If the province or ICBC are not prepared to undertake ongoing public awareness campaigns on the issue of Malahat safety, the Commission or other organizations could be asked to consider doing so.

While discussing the recommendation to install narrow rumble strips across travelled portions of the roadway, it was agreed that the rational should address the potential impact of rumble strips on bicycles, motorcycles and other vehicles.

It was suggested that police forces' communications centres should have electronic access to change reader boards to quickly reinforce traffic safety messages.

The recommendation to devise protocols to ensure the Malahat is opened as quickly as possible after a crash could be easily implemented.

The intent was to word the recommendations so as to improve the likelihood of them being approved by the province.

After further discussion there was general agreement to: a) link the recommendations to the premier's goals, and b) forward the recommendations to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General with copies to south-Island MLAs and the CRD and Cowichan Valley Regional District Board Chairs using the Commission's letterhead. The Commission still intends to seek the support of the CRD and CVRD.

The motion was then called.

CARRIED

4. SCOOTER SAFETY

Mayor Don Amos will be invited to the Commission's next meeting to discuss a pilot scooter safety project.

Mr. Laughlin advised that in addition to motorcycle training, Vancouver Island Safety Council also conducts scooter training sessions. Discussion followed on mandatory driver education for scooter users.

5. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Since the number of motorcycle crashes has increased at an alarming rate, it was suggested the Commission many want to focus some attention on motorcycle safety. In 2005, there 21,000 motorcycle crashes resulting in 1,200 injuries and 42 deaths in B.C.

Mr. Agate and Mr. Laughlin provided an overview of: a) Vancouver Island Safety Council's motorcycle training programs, b) findings from the Hurt and MAIDS studies and B.C. Coalition statistics, c) causes of crashes, and d) how to reduce crashes.

The Hurt study published in 1981 still offers insight into statistics regarding motorcycle collisions, including:

- ¾ of motorcycle crashes involved another vehicle
- ¼ of motorcycle crashes were single-vehicle crashes
- in single-vehicle crashes, rider error was the precipitating factor in 60% of the cases
- in multi-vehicle crashes, the driver of the other vehicle violated a motorcyclist's right-of-way in 66% of the cases
- median pre-crash speed was only 48 km/hr and the actual crash speed was 34 km/hr
- 1 in 1,000 cases was recognized as being a high-speed crash with speed over 138 km/hr
- 92% of riders involved in crashes were self-taught or learned from family or friends
- more than half of riders involved in crashes had less than five months experience on the actual motorcycle but, on the whole, had three years of riding experience
- typical crashes allow riders less than two seconds to complete collision avoidance actions

The MAIDS report based on European studies published in 2004 had similar findings:

- the object most often struck was a car, and the second most common object struck was the road
- travel and impact speeds for most crashes were below 50 km/hr
- human error was the primary contributing factor in 87% of the cases
- experienced riders are less likely to have crashes
- 29% of riders with less than six months experience had insufficient riding skills
- 6% of riders with more than eight years experience were deficient in their riding skills
- roadside barriers are a substantial danger to riders causing serious low extremity, spinal and head injuries

B.C. Coalition statistics from 2004 indicated:

- there were 77,670 motorcycles registered in B.C., a 6% increase over 2003
- there were 935 collisions involving motorcycles including 45 fatalities, a 32% increase over 2003, and injury collisions increased by 7.5%
- top contributing factors were speed (23%), rider error and confusion (15%), following too closely (5%) and improper overtaking (5%)
- the primary collision occurrence was motorcycles riding off the right side of the road at 20%
- causes of other vehicles involved in collisions – failing to yield right-of-way to motorcycles accounted for 15%, driver not paying attention almost 10%, improper turning 5%, driver error and confusion 4%
- vehicles turning left in front of a motorcycle was 12%
- motorcycles hit in the rear by another vehicle was 10%

There were similarities among collisions and injuries across jurisdictions. Self-taught riders, in the event of a collision, tend to do nothing to avoid the situation. Most self-taught riders apply the brakes incorrectly, have no or limited knowledge of correct motorcycle power steering techniques, and have no or limited knowledge of correct hazardous avoidance techniques. The best way to reduce motorcycle collisions is through training conducted by experienced, trained, and licensed instructors.

Recommendations to improve motorcycle safety include:

- government incentives and assistance to develop and run riding schools
- insurance companies to offer discounts to riders who have taken formal training
- reduce or eliminate taxes on personal protective equipment
- use training facilities for new and experienced rider courses
- develop a high school motorcycle rider education program
- use media to promote training for riders and awareness for other vehicle operators

VISC could teach more courses, including the Tom Thumb traffic safety course for children, if they had a permanent land base. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. VISC is interested in partnering with the Commission on motorcycle safety educational programs. Commission members were invited to observe or participate in VISC's training courses.

Cst. Dave Hay, RCMP South Island Traffic Services, advised that motorcycle crashes are mainly due to the riders' lack of ability to swerve, break and corner properly.

Cst. Hay reported on statistics of motorcycle crashes on Vancouver Island to date in 2007, which show some different results from the previous studies:

- 5% of registered vehicles are motorcycles but are involved in 30% of the crashes resulting in fatalities
- ages of the six fatalities this summer in which it was the rider's fault are 53, 30, 45, 53, 18 and 26
- 2/3 of the crashes are the fault of the rider
- number one cause is high speed
- there were nine fatalities in a 4-1/2 month period and four in the entire previous year with the common factor being speed

Cst. Hay then reviewed the causes of motorcycle crashes (e.g., other drivers turning in front of motorcycles, speed, aggressive riding, some impairment, inexperience, lack of enforcement, but mostly rider's attitude), and what can be done to reduce the number of crashes (e.g., consultation and partnerships with training organizations and riding groups; publicity of problems and options; monitoring websites and print media; enforcement including mechanical, equipment and mandatory inspections; use of unconventional enforcement vehicles; combined targeted operations; use of aircraft with video systems; street racing impounds; and Crown Council support).

Discussion followed on how a combined awareness and enforcement campaign could target the attitude of riders with dangerous riding practices and the mindset of riders who do not want to take training. The guests were asked to submit to the Commission their ideas for educational and enforcement messaging for new and older drivers.

6. UPDATES

a) Youth and Children

Ms. Dryden advised training sessions on child safety seats were conducted with West Shore RCMP and IRSU, and the response from the officers and the public in general has been great. CHEK News attended a child safety seat clinic and reported on it. Child safety seat clinics are fully booked for next month.

Insp. Downie advised \$2,200 was left over from the Conversations program that can be reallocated to other programs.

Co-Chair Foord advised the youth safe driving graphics initiative was well received by Esquimalt High School, and a request to match funding from Coast Capital Insurance Services for 2007 and 2008 will be made at the Commission's next meeting.

b) Seniors

Co-Chair Foord advised that 27,000 copies of the Commission's *Older & Wiser* CD have been distributed to date.

c) Other Auto

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

d) Media

Discussion was covered in other items of the agenda.

e) CRD Traffic Safety Commission's Establishment Bylaw and Membership

Co-Chair Stanwick will try to circulate the Commission's draft establishment bylaw to members for review prior to the next meeting.

7) OTHER BUSINESS

a) Bike-Helmet Wearing Rates

Mr. Perry reported on the status of the bike-helmet wearing rate surveys. So far, it appears the rates among non-commuters at non-commute times are better than expected. Co-Chair Foord had seen ~15 to 20 people on Bike to Work Day remove their helmets as soon as they ride onto the University of Victoria's campus. Posting signs advising bike helmets are mandatory on campus may help improve the rate. Ms. McLintock recently returned from a trip to the U.K., where the bike-helmet wearing rate is between five and 10 percent.

8. NEXT MEETING – November 15, 2007

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 15, 2007**, at noon, in The Lakes' banquet room.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Lakes' Banquet Room, 4670 Elk Lake Road, Victoria

Present: Joe Cardle, School District No. 61
Chris Foord, Transportation Consultant, Co-Chair
Cst. Dave Hay on behalf of Insp. Ted Smith, RCMP Vancouver Island Traffic Services
S/Sgt. Mike Irwin on behalf of Insp. Bob Downie, District of Saanich Police
Barb McLintock, Media & B.C. Coroners Service
Cst. Ryan O'Neill on behalf of Sgt. Rob Dibden, City of Victoria Police
Alan Perry, Media & Bike to Work Victoria
Director Leif Wergeland, Capital Regional District
Diana Vanmoerkerke, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Julie Duhamel, Public Health Nursing
Chief Paul Hames, B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police
Bill Johnston, University of Victoria Campus Security
S/Sgt. Doug Newman, Integrated Road Safety Unit
Cst. Denise Rallison, West Shore RCMP
Dr. Richard Stanwick, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Co-Chair
Colleen Woodger, ICBC

Guests: Assistant Fire Chief Kerry Zado, Langford Fire Rescue

Supt. Leslie has accepted a new position with B.C. Ambulance Service and regrets that his duties will compromise his ability to give the Commission the time commitment he believes it deserves. BCAS will nominate a representative for the Commission's consideration as soon as a candidate has been identified.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Presentation to B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police
- 2007/08 Christmas Campaign
- Conversations Program
- Pull Over and Stop Campaign
- Educational and Enforcement Messaging for Motorcycle Riders

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES – October 18, 2007

MOVED by Director Wergeland, **SECONDED** by Cst. Hay, that the minutes of the meeting held October 18, 2007, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. SCOOTER SAFETY PILOT PROJECT

Mayor Don Amos will be invited to a Commission's meeting in the near future to discuss a scooter safety pilot project.

4. TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Superintendent of Motor Vehicles Steve Martin was unable to attend the meeting but plans to attend the Commission's meeting in January.

5. CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW

The CRD is in the process of reviewing the Commission's draft establishment bylaw.

6. FUNDING REQUESTS

Further to recommendations approved in principle at the Commission's meeting on September 20, it was

MOVED by Director Wergeland, **SECONDED** by Mr. Cardle, that the CRD Traffic Safety Commission contribute: a) up to \$1,000 to partner with Bike to Work Victoria to undertake a survey to obtain updated bike helmet wearing and cycling rates, and b) up to \$1,000 for Bike to Work Victoria's Bike to Work Day to undertake a survey on visibility and the use of proper gear.

CARRIED

Mr. Perry advised that 98% to 99% of cyclists surveyed during commuter times on commuter routes wear their helmets. The results of a recent survey conducted at non-commuter times on non-commuter routes are as follows:

- 88% of 661 cyclists at various locations were wearing helmets, which is higher than previously perceived
- females are more likely to wear helmets than males with a ratio of 5:1
- 0 females carried their helmets on their handle bars compared to an average of 3% of the males

7. UPDATES

a) Youth and Children

Co-Chair Foord thanked Mr. Cardle for making arrangements with Esquimalt High School to undertake the Youth Roadstar graphics program that focuses on traffic safety messaging. 37 students participated in a similar program last year at Parkland Secondary School with excellent results. Coast Capital Insurance has once again offered \$3,500 to help fund this school year's program.

MOVED by S/Sgt. Irwin, **SECONDED** by Ms. McLintock, that the CRD Traffic Safety Commission contribute up to \$3,500 in supplementary funding, subject to funding from Coast Capital Insurance Services, for Esquimalt High School students to participate in the Youth Roadstar graphics program.

CARRIED

b) Seniors

It was suggested that the lack of statutory authority to take drivers' licenses from senior drivers based on specific parameters may be a good topic to raise with the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles when he attends the Commission's meeting in January.

c) Other Auto

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

d) Media

Discussion was covered under other items on the agenda.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Presentation to B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police

Ms. McLintock and Mr. Perry attended a meeting of the B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police to provide an overview of the Commission's principles and initiatives. Association members seemed to be impressed by the Commission's excellent returns on its investments, and by the collaborative effort of the agencies involved in the Commission's campaigns. Lower Mainland Traffic Services expressed interest in adapting the Commission's *Making the Malahat Safer* campaign for the Sea to Sky highway.

b) 2007/08 Christmas Campaign

Mr. Perry reminded members there were no impaired fatalities during the Commission's extended Christmas campaign last year. Police representatives advised of their agencies' enforcement plans for the upcoming holiday season.

It was suggested that the Commission could probably re-use ~65% of the 98 media clips produced for the 2006/07 campaign. Last year's campaign included 800 airings on ShawTV, 96 radio ads on three stations, 53 officers and eight agencies, and was extended to the end of January, with a budget of \$16,300.

Discussion followed on the merits and logistics of: a) messaging on impaired driving from emergency responders other than police officers, b) putting more emphasis on impairment by drugs, c) using some form of token to entice and acknowledge citizens who turn in impaired drivers, d) including SunFM Radio in Duncan to participate in the media campaign, and e) offering a discount to fines for drivers who plead guilty without going to court.

MOVED by Cst. Hay, **SECONDED** by Mr. Cardle, that the CRD Traffic Safety Commission contribute up to \$20,000 to build on its extended, targeted Christmas anti-impaired driving campaign for the 2007/08 winter season.

CARRIED
Mr. Perry Abstained

c) Conversations Program

S/Sgt. Irwin advised there was \$2,200 left from the Commission's contribution to the last Conversations program.

MOVED by Mr. Perry, **SECONDED** by S/Sgt. Irwin, that the \$2,200 left from the CRD Traffic Safety Commission's contribution to the 2007 Conversation program be rolled into the 2008 Conversations program with encouragement, if needed, to further the program's outcome evaluation.

CARRIED

d) Pull Over and Stop Campaign

Assistant Fire Chief Zado discussed the need for a region-wide campaign to encourage drivers to pull over and stop when an emergency response vehicle has its lights and sirens on. Discussion followed on enlisting the assistance of the Commission and the media to promote the campaign and measure its effectiveness. Assistant Fire Chief Zado offered to contact the region's emergency response agencies for financial support for the campaign. A business plan will be drafted for the Commission's consideration at its meeting in January.

e) Educational and Enforcement Messaging for Motorcycle Riders

Cst. Hay reported on meetings he has had with motorcycle riders on how to deal with aggressive motorcycle riding. Suggestions raised include: a) power-to-weight restrictions until a rider's ability increases, b) mandatory training, c) tie tickets and financial penalties to drivers' licenses, d) increase awareness of riding responsibly, e) construct an off-road course facility to learn how to ride safely, and f) report aggressive riders to police. There was also support for enforcement to deal with inspection, street racing and vehicle impounds.

Cst. Hay reviewed two draft radio scripts that deal with the mature rider and the aggressive rider.

It was suggested this may a good topic to raise with the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles when he attends the Commission's meeting in January.

9. NEXT MEETING – December 13, 2007

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 13, 2007**, at noon, in The Lakes' banquet room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Lakes' Banquet Room, 4670 Elk Lake Road, Victoria

Present: Chris Foord, Transportation Consultant, Co-Chair
Sgt. Rob Dibden, City of Victoria Police
Julie Duhamel, Public Health Nursing
Alan Perry, Media & Bike to Work Victoria
Patrick Seward, University of Victoria Campus Security
Insp. Ted Smith, RCMP Vancouver Island Traffic Services
Cst. Brad Walker, West Shore RCMP
Director Leif Wergeland, Capital Regional District
Diana Vanmoerkerke, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Joe Cardle, School District 61
Insp. Bob Downie, District of Saanich Police
Chief Paul Hames, B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police
Barb McLintock, Media & B.C. Coroners Service
S/Sgt. Doug Newman, Integrated Road Safety Unit
Dr. Richard Stanwick, Vancouver Island Health Authority, Co-Chair
Colleen Woodger, ICBC

Guests: Judy Dryden, BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation

On behalf of the Commission, Co-Chair Foord welcomed Mr. Seward, who will attend meetings on behalf of Bill Johnston. A brief discussion followed on some of the traffic and pedestrian safety issues at the University of Victoria.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 2007/08 Christmas Campaign
- Bicycle Helmet Survey Update
- 2008 B.C. Injury Prevention Conference
- Commission Membership
- Presentation to B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 22, 2007

MOVED by Mr. Perry, **SECONDED** by Sgt. Dibden, that the minutes of the meeting held November 22, 2007, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW

The Commission's draft establishment bylaw is being reviewed by CRD staff.

4. UPDATES

a) Youth and Children

Co-Chair Foord provided an update on the Youth Road Star graphics program underway at Esquimalt High School, where students are producing posters on some aspect on traffic safety. Co-Chair Foord and Ms. McLintock attended a recent class to discuss the program, and a graphic artist will attend a class

soon to provide technical guidance. Once completed and judged by the students' peers, the posters will be publicly displayed throughout the community.

Co-Chair Foord advised that Ms. McLintock is involved in the roadside memorial program underway at UVic that focuses on traffic safety messaging from high risk drivers.

Ms. Dryden advised that the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation continues to promote its Boost B.C. program at elementary schools. There is still a large number of kids who are not using booster seats, and Ms. Dryden will try to target some of the higher risk schools. It was suggested that media coverage of a booster seat demonstration at an elementary school may help raise awareness. Booster seat legislation becomes effective July 1, 2008.

Ms. Dryden participated in IRSU's CounterAttack roadblocks to check child car seats.

Ms. Dryden referred to the Commission's previous approval of funding to train child car seat technicians, which has not yet been done, and agreed to provide potential dates and costs at the next meeting.

Insp. Smith advised of a potential partnership the Commission may want to consider entering into with police forces to purchase a roll-over simulator. The simulator provides graphic displays of what could happen when a vehicle rolls over under varying circumstances. It was suggested that ICBC and BCAA may also be interested in participating in the partnership.

b) Seniors

Co-Chair Foord advised that ~27,000 of the Commission's *Older & Wiser* CD have been distributed to date, and continues to be popular. Insp. Smith advised he has received positive feedback on the CD. It was suggested the Commission may want to publicize that the CD is available for downloading as a MP3 file from the Commission's website. It was further suggested that the CD should be made available at recreation centres.

Concern was expressed about scooters being modified to go up to 45 k/hr.

c) Other Auto

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

d) Media

The Commission is considering running the Pull Over and Stop campaign discussed at the last meeting after its Christmas campaign. Mr. Perry advised that ShawTV has agreed to run ads during the campaign, which will focus on, "What is it going to take to get you out of the way?"

Discussion was also covered under other items on the agenda.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a) 2007/08 Christmas Campaign

Mr. Perry discussed how the campaign has evolved in:

- targeting enforcement messages at high-risk, drug and alcohol impaired drivers
- delivering messaging by numerous police officers from various detachments
- expanding media coverage Island-wide and to the Gulf Islands
- extending the campaign to February 3, 2008 to include Super Bowl
- changing the messaging after New Years

Mr. Perry played a sample of the radio and TV ads that will be aired during the campaign. Some of the ads will run during Canucks' and Lions' games, sports editorials and CFX1070's 5:00 p.m. news, and

every half-hour on ShawTV. The Commission partnered with various radio stations and ShawTV by purchasing ads at a discounted rate and receiving free ads in exchange for mentioning the media outlet's name at the end of the ad. Additional ads may be made using paramedics and UVic campus security staff. It was suggested that it may be helpful to advise the media of recent CounterAttack statistics just before New Year's Eve. The focus of the campaign's messaging after New Years will be on ICBC's risk assessment premiums that take effect January 1, 2008.

Members were encouraged to provide feedback on the ads and offer further suggestions on how to focus on high risk offenders. On behalf of the Commission, Co-Chair Foord thanked Mr. Perry for producing the TV and radio ads.

Insp. Smith provided an update on the Island-wide CounterAttack blitz organized by Sgt. Dentoorn, which involved 67 law enforcement officers from four municipal police forces, the RCMP and IRSU as well as 12 commercial vehicle inspectors. Insp. Smith thanked Mr. Perry for arranging that he and Sgt. Dentoorn appear on Murray Langdon's show to talk about the blitz. There has been little negative reaction from the public on enforcing anti-impaired driving, and it appears that impaired driving is becoming socially unacceptable across Canada.

b) Bicycle Helmet Survey Update

Further to discussions at the last meeting, Mr. Perry provided an update on the survey undertaken by the Commission and Bike to Work Victoria to obtain updated bike helmet wearing rates. Future surveys may focus on why people do not wear their helmets, such as fair weather cyclists and parents who do not wear their helmets while riding with children who do.

c) 2008 B.C. Injury Prevention Conference

The Commission may want to consider attending the 2008 B.C. Injury Prevention Conference to discuss its *Making the Malahat Safer* and Christmas campaigns. Mr. Perry offered to find out details about the next conference.

d) Commission Membership

Insp. Smith advised that S/Sgt. Newman has finished his rotation at IRSU, and S/Sgt. Andrew Isles will assume his role.

There was a brief discussion on expanding the scope of the Commission up-Island.

e) Presentation to B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police

Insp. Smith reported that he has received positive feedback on the presentation made by Ms. McLintock and Mr. Perry to the B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police on the Commission's principles and initiatives, which reflects well on the Commission.

6. NEXT MEETING – January 17, 2008

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 17, 2008**, at noon, in The Lakes' banquet room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.