

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, December 14, 2017

The Lakes Banquet Room, 4670 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria

Members: Erin Anderson, RoadSafetyBC
Corey Burger, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition
A/S/Sgt. Ron Cronk, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit
Judy Dryden, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Chris Foord, Community Member (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Murray Fyfe, Medical Health Officer, Island Health
Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Janelle Hatch, Island Health
Bill Laughlin, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Todd Litman, Walk On Victoria
Barb McLintock, BC Coroner's Service
Alan Perry, Media
Colin Plant, CRD Director (Chair)
Dr. Holly Tuokko, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, University of Victoria
Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety Division

Associates: S/Sgt. Marc Chateau, Saanich Police
Sgt. Al Gurzinski, Saanich Police
John Hicks, CRD
Dr. Richard Stanwick, Island Health

Regrets: Marnice Jones, School Districts

Guests: Sam Chorlton, Island Health
William Doyle, District of Saanich
Errol McLellan, District of Saanich
Dallas Perry, BC Transit
Steven Price, Mayor of Sidney/CRD Board Chair
Shawn Ridout, BC Transit

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Colleen Woodger, **SECONDED** by Chris Foord, that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2017

MOVED by Murray Fyfe, **SECONDED** by Judy Dryden, that the minutes of the meeting held on November 9, 2017 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Plant acknowledged that CRD Board Chair and Mayor of Sidney Steven Price is here today and thanked him for attending. Later in the meeting we will be having a short discussion around the issue of scooters which has been a topic of interest to the Town of Sidney in the past.

Chair Plant thanked the members of the Malahat campaign working group and advised there will be an update on that issue later in the meeting.

Election for the TSC Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be held at the January meeting and members are welcome to put their name forward or nominate another member for either position.

4. **Presentation by Errol McLennan and William Doyle, District of Saanich, on road paint management**

Chair Plant introduced Errol McLennan and William Doyle from the District of Saanich. They were invited so that the TSC could get more information on road paint management in response to a discussion at last month's meeting relating to a concern raised by a member of the public. Errol McLellan is the Supervisor of Signs and Road Marking Department for Saanich. William Doyle joined Saanich this year and prior to that worked on a variety of highway projects. Their presentation today will include information on road markings in Saanich, where and why they are used, and will provide an overview of the different methodologies and products that are used.

The District of Saanich has 650 km of roadway and approximately 285 km of markings. In addition to markings, signage, street lights and reflectors are also used to delineate roadways. There are a variety of specifications and guidelines that inform their work, i.e., Saanich internal specifications; provincially, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has extensive specifications on how they manage their road marking program; and on a national level, the Transportation Association of Canada creates guidelines which guide the work of engineers in road design.

The primary components of any road markings are the binder, colour, solvents, additives and fillers, and surface glass beads that reflect the light back to the driver. The effectiveness of road markings is impacted by several different things, e.g., traffic volume, asphalt condition, water on the roadway, roadway debris, and snow and ice clearing. Before 2009, high VOC paint with glass beads was used. In 2010, the federal government passed a law saying these paints could no longer be used as they emit toxic vapours that affect the ozone layer and a change was made to low VOC or water-based paint. It doesn't have the same durability and more frequent repainting is needed. Today a combination of practices is used including the low VOC paint with glass beads and other more durable marking products such as thermoplastic; methyl methacrylate (MMA); liquid thermoplastic; and adhesive tape (Staymark).

A picture of the intersection at McKenzie Avenue and Borden Street was shown, as most of the types of available road markings have been used there. Each of the products are chosen relative to the particular application/use. The performance of the different products that are used around Saanich is being monitored.

For the future, use of low VOC paint will be continued, as well as continuing to try different, more durable markings. A combination of products provides the best value. The Ministry of Transportation is running numerous trials on many products and with the ongoing studies taking place, it is anticipated that a good value product will emerge from the mix.

A question period followed, after which Chair Plant thanked Mr. McLennan and Mr. Doyle for their presentation.

Action: Municipal collaboration on road markings will be added to next month's agenda so that consideration could be given to a possible motion recommending that municipal partners establish a working group to coordinate a regional template so there is more consistency around imagery.

5. **Media Clips**

There were no media clips.

6. **Priority Business**

➤ **Budget Planning**

- **Education campaign on use of bike helmets on trails**
Deferred to next meeting

- **Distributing bike lights**
This item will be included in a funding application from the GVCC in the new year.
- **Child Passenger Safety Program Project Application**
Judy Dryden provided information on this application from Beacon Community Services for funding in the amount of \$8,580 to provide child passenger safety in multiple areas of the CRD and provide education to families and caregivers. A lot of the groups are higher risk or may have less access to information about child passenger safety. They have several child passenger safety educators and are looking at continuing to provide services throughout the CRD to vulnerable communities. This is a regular request from Beacon who have partnered with the TSC for several years and the requested amount is about the same as last year. (Discussion on this item was paused to get a budget update)
- **Budget Update**
John Hicks provided an update on the budget. The 2018 budget was approved in principle at the CRD Board meeting yesterday. The TSC is funded through requisitions from the CRD, with 11 of the 13 municipalities funding into the program. The budget is approximately \$70,000, from which meeting expenses, etc., are paid. The focus is on advertising and education programs, with approximately \$55,000 available to spend on different projects. There will be a small carryover from this year's budget.

Discussion returned to the Child Passenger Safety Program Project Application as follows.

- A question was raised about whether organizations applying for funding should supply matching funds. It was confirmed that there is no approved policy from the TSC in terms of matching grants and applications are decided on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the TSC. The Commission has wanted that flexibility in the past as some smaller programs may not otherwise be able to get off the ground at all.
- This program has a significant impact and is something that nobody else is doing. It goes beyond car seats and tends to be a larger conversation about safety in vehicles. The feedback is that it is an invaluable program.
- Child passenger safety compliance is a valuable message for police to get out and reinforce. Sometimes people don't have the ability to make their vehicles safe and being able to equip them so children can be transported is very important.
- Is there any work being done by Beacon around safety for people while walking, biking, or taking transit with their children? That is something we could discuss with Beacon.

MOVED by Bill Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Ron Cronk, that the funding application from Beacon Community Services in the amount of \$8580 for child passenger safety initiatives be approved.

CARRIED

Action: Add guidelines for funding applications to the January agenda.

- **Strategy for providing feedback to Minister Farnworth re Malahat campaign**
Chair Plant provided an update. The December deadline was very tight, and it would have been difficult to meet that date. Also, no budget had been approved to conduct the campaign. It was proposed that the TSC make a motion to write to the province through the CRD Board Chair asking the Minister for an extension of the deadline. If we get an extension, it is hoped that the CRD Board will continue to be supportive.

The working group had discussed doing social media advertising and radio advertising. The Ministry of Transportation was contacted to see if we could put a message on the signs as you enter and exit the Malahat, but they are not available for survey-based purposes. The cost estimate for the advertising, along with some graphic work, would be around \$5,000. A second motion would need to be made to approve funds.

A question was raised as to whether a campaign of this nature would be within the TSC mandate. John Hicks advised that he believed that the advertising campaign would need to include some safety messaging and he will clarify that with CRD Legislative Services. It was agreed that the draft messaging could be easily changed to make it more education-based.

MOVED by Chris Foord, **SECONDED** by Bill Laughlin, that we write to the CRD Board Chair to ask that a letter be written to Minister Farnworth requesting an extension of the deadline for public input on the Malahat point to point speed trials until the end of February. **CARRIED**

MOVED by Alan Perry, **SECONDED** by Corey Burger, that funds up to \$5,000 be allocated subject to CRD approval and revised messaging that would be more education-based. **CARRIED**

Bill Laughlin asked if the website messaging could include some evidence around speed, accident numbers, amount of time the Malahat is shut down, etc.

Another meeting of the working group will be held after hearing back from the province, but we would not be acting on it prior to January. Bill Laughlin will join the working group.

➤ **School Zone Signage**

Correspondence was received from the Saanich School District regarding improvement of school zone signage. Signage is done at the municipal level. Some of the Westshore communities have been putting in new signage and engineers in the region are aware of that and have been talking about it. Regional engineers meet once a year and these are the types of things that are discussed. It was agreed that this issue is outside of the TSC domain.

Action: John Hicks will send a letter to the Saanich School District to say that, while we are empathetic to this issue, it falls within the domain of engineers

7. **Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

➤ **GVCC draft letter re proposed changes to the Motor Vehicle Act**

Corey Burger advised that Kay Teschke from the UBC School of Public Health is willing to attend a TSC meeting to talk about a position paper prepared by the trial lawyers of BC and other agencies on changes they would like to see to the MVA. Ms. Teschke has done some work on this with the trial lawyers. It was agreed to invite her to give a presentation at the January meeting. The position paper deals with a lot of inconsistencies, especially around bikes. It was suggested that there are a lot of things in the MVA that need tightening up and that the proposed letter could include taking a broader look beyond cycling at what is really going to reduce crashes and save lives.

8. **Member Updates**

➤ **RoadSafetyBC**

Erin Anderson provided the following update:

- The Federal Government has released their education campaign for drug impaired driving. They have committed \$46 million over five years on federal campaigns and each province is responsible for coming up with providing money for their own campaigns. Erin sits on the BC education working committee for the cannabis regulations around legalization. BC is considering an education campaign, but they are still in the early days of organizing. Erin will forward information on the federal campaign so it can be distributed via email.
- Judy Dryden asked if there was any more information on the Canadian Assn of Road Safety Professionals conference being held in Victoria in June and whether there was anything included on child passenger safety. Erin said that the abstract deadline has passed. Registration will open in the new year and when that happens, she will share the information with TSC. Erin will check with the organizers regarding child passenger safety.

➤ **ICBC**

Colleen Woodger provided the following update:

- The impaired driving campaign is currently taking place and have done Light up the Highway from Port Hardy and had great support also on Highways 17 and 14. There has been success in catching impaired drivers on the quieter roads and there was a lot of cannabis and driving found. The campaign continues to go on and we do need to emphasize that it is impaired, not just alcohol.

➤ **Youth and Children**

Dr. Murray Fyfe provided the following update:

- Dr. Bonnie Leadbeater of the UVic Centre for Youth and Society presented to the TSC last year on her work on the healthy Victoria youth survey. Based upon the interest of the TSC around marijuana and driving, she has been successful in getting a grant to look at projections around youth using marijuana, including injuries and health impacts. It would be worthwhile to have Dr. Leadbeater come back in a year to report on her findings.
- Barb McLintock commented that the UVic Centre for Youth and Society want to get a representative survey for youth and young adults from all the different spectrums for our joint project with them on innovative approaches to youth traffic safety. They are looking for suggestions on reaching the “middle of the road” group so if anyone has any ideas about this, please let Barb know and she will pass the information along.

➤ **Seniors**

Dr. Holly Tuokko provided the following update:

- The Candrive project on older driver safety is now coming to an end after seven years of data collection. A risk stratification tool has been developed for use by physicians in their offices which is a series of questions and is based on the sum score and looking at that in relation to at-fault crashes. The tool is being shared with stakeholder groups to get feedback. Holly will have something more detailed soon to share with the TSC.
- Chris Foord spoke on the issue of seniors and mobility scooters to Sidney Mayor Steven Price. Sidney has always been interested in some of our work on seniors and for scooter safety we have looked towards Sidney as being a good test ground for any of the initiatives we wanted to tackle. There is a lot of work that needs to be done on scooter safety. Mayor Price commented that scooter incidents are an ongoing issue in Sidney. They are basically little motor vehicles that go up to 19 km/h, weigh 400-500 lbs. and travel on sidewalks without any regulation.

➤ **Active Transportation**

No update

➤ **IRSU**

No update

➤ **CVSE**

No update

➤ **Vancouver Island Safety Council**

No update

➤ **GVCC**

No update

➤ **Walk On Victoria**

No update

9. **Other Business**

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at noon in The Lakes banquet room.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.