

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, August 9, 2018
The Lakes Banquet Room, 4670 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria

Members: Corey Burger, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition
 Judy Dryden, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
 Chris Foord, Community Member (Vice-Chair)
 Dr. Murray Fyfe, Island Health
 Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
 Bill Laughlin, Vancouver Island Safety Council
 Barb McLintock, BC Coroner's Service
 Alan Perry, Media
 Colin Plant, CRD Director (Chair)
 Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, UVic
 Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement

Associates: S/Sgt. Marc Chateau, Saanich Police
 Cst. Ryan Koropatniski, Victoria Police
 Dallas Perry, BC Transit
 John Hicks, CRD

Regrets: Erin Anderson, RoadSafetyBC
 S/Sgt. Ron Cronk, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit
 Janelle Hatch, Island Health
 Marnice Jones, School Districts
 Todd Litman, Walk On Victoria
 Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety Division

Guests: Allison Kelly, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
 Jocelyn Pedder, Transport Canada

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The following item was added to the agenda:

- Third funding application re terminology "crash" vs "accident"

MOVED by Barb McLintock, **SECONDED** by Corey Burger, that the agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2018

MOVED by Rudi Wetselaar, **SECONDED** by Bill Laughlin, that the minutes of the meeting held on July 12, 2018 be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

3. Request for awareness campaign re traffic flaggers – Brent D'Argis

A request had been received from Brent D'Argis to speak to the TSC regarding safety for traffic flaggers, however, he was not available to attend today's meeting. He will be encouraged to attend the September meeting or provide his comments via email.

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Plant commented that he noticed the new "look, scan and shoulder check" road sign funded by the TSC on the Pat Bay Highway and there is another one by the Saanich Municipal Hall. Colleen Woodger has done yeoman's work in getting the signs to fruition. It is suggested that we should look annually at having new messaging on the signs.

Shawn Haley said that changes to the content of the road signs should be formally approved by MOTI and this has been noted for the future. It was agreed that more discussion should take place as to whether approval for the new signs should be obtained retroactively and this item will be added to next month's agenda.

The hours of operation for red light cameras have been increased to 24 hours a day, up from 6 hours. Chair Plant and Vice-Chair Foord have been asked by the media to comment on this. The TSC hadn't taken a stance and the question was raised as to whether we want to send a letter to the CRD Board asking for a letter supporting the cameras to be sent to municipalities.

Dr. Murray Fyfe commented on the agenda item regarding the Health Officers' meeting in May with Attorney General Eby in which the Attorney General had requested suggestions, based on data, for locations where more technology could be used. The Health Officers Council are working with the BC Injury Prevention Unit and the BC Trauma Program to come up with additional data to add to ICBC's data showing where severe crashes are occurring that are leading to hospitalizations and fatalities. Dr. Fyfe asked if the TSC wanted to be involved, along with the South Island Health Officers, in taking this forward to the Attorney General. There was agreement that the TSC is interested and Dr. Fyfe will bring back data in the fall.

A question was raised as why there are only two red light cameras in the CRD. Data is available on the ICBC website showing which intersections in the CRD have consistently higher crash rates and ten could easily be picked from that as locations for red light cameras.

There isn't any update on the proposed point to point interval cameras on the Malahat as the Ministry is still tabulating the survey results.

Chair Plant advised that he will be away for the September meeting. With municipal elections coming up, he is unsure about the November meeting.

As fall approaches, consideration should be given to what the Commission wants to take on next and what members would like to see achieved. A couple of things that have been discussed are vision zero and gathering data for decision making.

The Lakes Banquet Room at Howard Johnson's has indicated to us that there is a new management structure in place and costs for food will be increased and a fee for room rental will be charged beginning in January 2019. We will be looking at alternatives for a new meeting location and Chair Plant asked if any members know of a space that would accommodate TSC meetings, to please email him, Chris or Arlene. The BC Transit boardroom and Saanich Police boardroom were mentioned as possible options. Corey Burger suggested that as the TSC is a regional Commission, we should look at holding meetings throughout the region.

Chair Plant said that the awarding of the Cst. Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship to Nathaniel Blondeau took place at the West Shore RCMP detachment on July 19. A letter thanking the TSC was received from Nathaniel and shared with members via email.

Chair Plant mentioned that we have a CRD traffic handle on Twitter and he has been posting and responding to comments. He does add a personal side to it and asked if members have a preference for a different way of doing Twitter, please let me him know.

5. Priority Business

➤ Budget Update

John Hicks advised there is still approximately \$9,000 remaining in the programming budget and asked that any outstanding invoices come in as soon as possible so the budget can be finalized

➤ Funding Applications

- Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society (Bike Skills Programming for School-age Children)
- Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition (Education re bike lighting)
- Varinder Badh (Crash vs Accidents)

A discussion was held about the process for evaluating the funding applications. It was agreed to establish a sub-committee to review and score the applications based on the criteria developed by the TSC earlier this year, and to make recommendations for the September meeting. Members on the sub-committee will be Judy Dryden, Dr. Murray Fyfe, Janelle Hatch, Alan Perry, Dallas Perry, and Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul. Paweena agreed to take the lead.

After discussion about supplying the applicants with the funding criteria, it was agreed that it wasn't necessary as the application questions are based on that criteria.

MOVED by Alan Perry, **SECONDED** by Barb McLintock, that a sub-committee be established to review the applications based on the established criteria and available funding of approximately \$8,000, and report back with recommendations a week prior to the September meeting.

CARRIED

Corey Burger and Chris Foord abstained from voting and left the room because of a perceived conflict of interest with two of the applications. They did participate in the discussion.

It was agreed that the sub-committee could reach out to the applicants to get more information as needed during the scoring process.

Action: Recommendations from the sub-committee should be sent to Arlene by September 6 for forwarding with the agenda

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- **Health Officers' meeting with Attorney General regarding automated speed enforcement**
Discussed earlier in the meeting

- **Helmets on U-bikes**

At last month's meeting, discussion took place around helmet provision on u-bikes and it was agreed to bring this issue forward to this meeting for further discussion and potentially a recommendation to the CRD's Transportation Committee. Cst. Koropatniski said it is his understanding that in Victoria, u-bikes are still a pilot project and he agreed to raise this issue in meetings with them.

Action: Victoria PD to report back on discussions with U-Bikes re helmets

Further discussion took place regarding helmet wearing rates on bikes generally. It was suggested that more data on helmet wearing rates is needed before any type of education campaign is undertaken and this item will be added to next month's agenda to decide if it is something the TSC wants to pursue. The TSC could do some of its own data collection or look at what some of the other issues are and possibly address those, e.g., bicycle rider education may be more effective than helmet education. Members were asked to give this topic some thought prior to next month's meeting.

Dr. Murray Fyfe will bring some data next month from the McCreary Study of students looking at what they report as their helmet wearing rate for the South Island and he will also check to see if there is up-to-date data available from the Canadian Community health survey

7. Member Updates

- **RoadSafetyBC**

No update

- **ICBC**

In Colleen Woodger's absence, Alan Perry showed the two new CTV ads on "look, scan and shoulder check" at intersections.

Corey Burger suggested that for future advertising, it would be useful for the draft to be viewed by the TSC prior to finalization.

MOVED by Corey Burger, **SECONDED** by Chris Foord, that all TSC advertising be vetted by the Commission prior to it being finalized.

Amendment:

MOVED by Barb McLintock, **SECONDED** by Chris Foord, that the motion be amended to say, "where practical."

Final Motion:

That all TSC advertising be vetted by the Commission, where practical, prior to it being finalized.

CARRIED

➤ **Youth and Children**

Judy Dryden provided the following update:

- Continuing working roadside with IRSU on car seat education. Many people who see the sandwich board out saying there is help with car seats are pulling over to get assistance
- BCAA are still giving out car seats and booster seats every year and this year the areas in the CRD that received them are the Esquimalt First Nations, Fernwood Best Babies, Hulitan Family and Community Services, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Society, and in Sooke, Kids Quest School Age Care and Kids Quest Two. There are a lot of new car seats and booster seats in circulation for families that would otherwise have difficulty in obtaining them.

➤ **Seniors**

No update

➤ **Active Transportation**

No update

➤ **IRSU**

No update

➤ **CVSE**

Rudi Wetselaar provided the following update:

- CVSE took part in an international 72-hour road check which takes place across North America. This year the focus was on hours of service, making sure drivers aren't going over their hours and keeping tired drivers off the road. Level 1 inspections were performed focusing on driver operating requirements such as proper documentation, as well as the mechanical aspect of the vehicles. Fifteen vehicles were inspected every minute across North America in those 72 hours.

➤ **Vancouver Island Safety Council**

Bill Laughlin provided the following update:

- VISC is still very busy with people learning to ride, with the percentage of women continuing to be about 40%
- Sink the Planet Ride started in Paris where people get out and ride at noon, and everyone around the world was supposed to ride at the same time. In Victoria it was 3:00 am with 110 bikes that started in the west shore and rode down to the Causeway, through Oak Bay and out to Central Saanich. There were a lot of complaints about noise and it has done a big disservice to motorcyclists

➤ **GVCC**

Corey Burger provided the following update:

- Bike to Work will be doing free rides on Fort Street in September/October to familiarize cyclists with the new Fort Street bike lanes. The following link gives the dates for these: <https://biketoworkvictoria.checkfront.com/reserve/>.

➤ **Walk On Victoria**

No update

➤ **Municipal Police Forces**

No update

➤ **BC Transit**

Dallas Perry provided the following update:

- There have been more close calls with cyclists right now, especially with the narrow lanes on Fort and Pandora and Transit are working on understanding what is occurring there
- 10,000 hours will be added to transit service for September

➤ **Working Group for UVic Centre on Youth and Society Joint Project**

Dr. Murray Fyfe provided the following update:

- He and Barb McLintock met with Dr. Frederick Grouzet recently who advised that pilot testing on the survey is underway. It is planned to take the survey live into the field at the end of August and into September and then do it twice a year after that. In October, the first focus group of young people will look at the survey results and help identify key issues and strategies for communication and education. Dr. Grouzet would like to come back in the fall to give the TSC an update.

Jocelyn Pedder from Transport Canada commented on a couple of items:

- Met with the Coroner's Office to explore a prospective study of pedestrian and cyclist fatalities in the province. The idea on going prospective would be that it could be determined in advance what information would be valuable and get a baseline as well
- Transport Canada does look at collisions across the province with just a small team and look at safety related issues, e.g., child car seats, tires. Jocelyn handed out information on the phone number for Transport Canada's defect investigations and recalls team (1-800-333-0510)
- Collisions of greatest interest right now tend to be the high-profile ones. Collisions where new technology on vehicles was potentially the issue is currently a focus

8. Other Business

- Legalization of marijuana will be added to next month's agenda
- Alan Perry mentioned that the bike counter on the Galloping Goose on Harbour Road has been consistently showing over 3,000
- Sgt. Marc Chateau had a summary prepared on every MVI fatality from 2007-2017 in Saanich to see what factors were involved and he will bring some information from that for next month's meeting

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at noon in The Lakes banquet room.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.