

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, October 10, 2019
Greek Community Hall, 4648 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria

Members: Erin Anderson, RoadSafetyBC
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. Frederick Grouzet, UVic Centre for Youth and Society (for Dr. P. Sukhawathanakul)
Janelle Hatch, Island Health
Bill Laughlin, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria
Cliff McNeil-Smith, CRD Director
Carolyn Maxwell, BC Coroners Service
Alan Perry, Media

Associates: Sgt. Al Gurzinski, Saanich Police
John Hicks, CRD
Dallas Perry, BC Transit

Regrets: Corey Burger, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition
Dr. Murray Fyfe, Island Health (Chair)
Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Marnice Jones, School Districts
Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

The meeting will be chaired by Vice-Chair Foord in Chair Fyfe's absence.

Vice-Chair Foord welcomed Carolyn Maxwell as the new representative for the BC Coroners Service.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Ron Cronk, **SECONDED** by Judy Dryden, that the agenda be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2019

MOVED by Bill Laughlin, **SECONDED** by Erin Anderson, that the minutes of the meeting held on September 12, 2019 be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

Vice-Chair Foord remarked on the following issues:

- The Province is trying to deal with a lot of new types of mobility devices, from Segways to e-bikes to scooters, etc., to see how they should all fit together with provincial legislation and ultimately with the Motor Vehicle Act. Minister Claire Trevena has been talking about pilot projects with municipalities that would help figure out what's the best way to deal with some of these devices before possibly some broader universal legislation is brought in. The two locations mentioned were Victoria and Kelowna. Todd Litman commented that the preferred term is micro mobility and he noted that in Europe, shared scooters are becoming as common as bike sharing. It was mentioned that there are already two companies in Kelowna that have shared scooters available.
- There is confusion around some of the distracted driving cases that have been in the media recently. S/Sgt. Ron Cronk remarked that a phone is supposed to be fixed to the car, not sitting in the cup holder. There are phone apps now available that can be used for many different things, including to control the pitch and volume of a hearing device. The law isn't as quick as technology so there needs to be some discussion around this issue.
- There have been two motorcycle fatalities recently, one in Saanich and one in Port Renfrew. Sgt. Al Gurzinski said that both are still being investigated. Saanich Municipality has asked for a safety audit of Prospect Lake Road.

4. Priority Business

➤ **Budget Update**

John Hicks reported that the budget hasn't changed. There is \$10,000 being kept in reserve for advertising, and then another \$4,000 approximately remaining.

➤ **Advertising Recommendation**

• **Chek TV/CTV**

Alan Perry said that he has spoken to Chek News and they are open to offering us similar terms to those we have received from CTV in the past and they will send a proposal. Alan suggested we postpone the decision on a media buy until next month.

Action: Alan will distribute the proposal when it is received, and it will be discussed at next month's meeting

➤ **Strategic Planning for 2019**

• **Be Truck Aware Campaign**

It was agreed that the Be Truck Aware Campaign will be the first one done after the advertising is decided next month, to be followed by Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety and Visibility. These two campaigns will be conducted over the next 5-6 months.

• **Cruise with Courtesy**

Todd Litman would like to see a series of messages put out in the spring encouraging drivers to be considerate to cyclists and pedestrians. Alan Perry said that would make sense when the weather changes and more people are out cycling and walking.

• **Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety and Visibility**

As noted above, this campaign will be the second one undertaken this fall/winter/early spring.

• **Road/Sidewalk/Trail User Attitudes – Take it Seriously**

Not discussed

• **Cannabis and other Impairment**

Dr. Grouzet commented that he will be presenting student videos at next month's meeting and one will be on edibles.

5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

➤ Letter from Walk on, Victoria to CRD Parks

Todd Litman reported that this is in progress. Deferred until next month.

6. Member Updates

• **RoadSafetyBC**

• Erin Anderson reported that November 20 is the national day of remembrance for road crash victims and the province will be proclaiming that day. Currently they are looking at communication/education opportunities and Erin will provide more information on that when it is available.

• **ICBC**

No update

Alan Perry noted that ICBC is not going to decrease rates for younger drivers or for drivers coming in from other provinces and asked members if they thought this will have any impact on crash rates. Will it cut down on the number of younger drivers or dramatically reduce the number of hours driven? It is something to keep in the back of our minds.

• **Youth and Children**

No update

• **Seniors**

No update

- **CRD**

John Hicks provided the following update:

- Bike counts are currently taking place, with 100 plus volunteers out this week early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Numbers are coming back very high. Six permanent counters have been put in and an additional six are being added.
- As a member of the technical and steering committee for the South Island Multi-modal Transportation Plan, John noted that they are currently working through the safety element with the consultants. A meeting with municipal staff is being hosted at the CRD where some of the report structure will be shown and information provided on where they currently are.
- The Malahat study on an emergency bypass route will be coming out soon. A detailed analysis was done on the environmental, safety and economic costs so it is a very balanced account.
- October 7-11 is Walk and Wheel to School Week. Thanks to the funding provided by the TSC. There are about 35 schools doing activities over the next three weeks. Janelle Hatch added that it's been a good week with a great turnout and very positive social media through Island Health, the CRD, the schools and school districts trying to promote active travel to school. As one of the trial programs introduced this year, the street around Sir James Douglas School was closed off and the impacts on traffic, etc., are being monitored.
- Re the active school travel planning program, invitations have gone out to all the school districts to recruit for next year's five schools from across the region. The walkabouts and the PAC meetings for the five schools from this year have just been completed.

- **IRSU**

S/Sgt. Ron Cronk gave the following update:

- They are focusing on construction zones and the construction that will be occurring on Highway 1 from Leigh Road to West Shore Parkway as it is widened to two lanes, as well as some new construction that's been taking place over the last two weeks at Finlayson Arm and the Goldstream River Bridge. There was some harassment of flaggers occurring.
- Six hours of active enforcement took place on the Malahat last Sunday. Over that time, 99 drivers were charged with speeding, and 17 cars were towed for excessive speed.

- **CVSE**

No update

- **Vancouver Island Safety Council**

- Bill Laughlin noted it has been a bad few weeks for crashes and he would like to request from the Coroner's Service that when there are motorcyclist fatalities, they take some history on whether the rider had any training, when their last training was, etc. Information like that would very helpful.

- **GVCC**

No update

- **Walk On, Victoria**

No update

- **Municipal Police Forces**

No update

- **BC Transit**

- Dallas Perry commented that a few TSC members responded to the Transit invitation to drive a bus at their Langford depot last Monday and expressed his appreciation. He wants people to be aware of what it takes to operate a bus and all the things a bus driver must deal with. He will be working with Bill Laughlin to give VISC instructors the opportunity to do this. Also, Frederick Grouzet is going to look at taking some students out.

- **MOTI**

No update

- **Working Group for UVic Centre on Youth and Society Joint Project**
 - Frederick Grouzet reported that things are progressing well. He will be doing a presentation at the November meeting and bringing some of the videos that students have created.

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2019 at noon at the Greek Community Centre. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.