

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

Members: Erin Anderson, RoadSafetyBC (EP)
Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact (EP)
Corey Burger, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition (EP)
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council (EP)
Chris Foord, Community Member (EP)
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Centre for Youth and Society, UVic (EP)
Fred Haynes, CRD Director (Chair)
Sgt. Jereme Leslie, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit (EP)
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria (EP)
Joe Perkins, Media (EP)
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute of Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic (EP)
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement (EP)

Associates: John Hicks, CRD
Sgt. Ryan O'Neill, Victoria Police (EP)
Dallas Perry, BC Transit (EP)
S/Sgt. Andy Walsh, Saanich Police (EP)
Insp. Tim Walton, RCMP (EP)

Regrets: Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Jade Yehia, Island Health

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

EP – Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

1. Election of Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair position was not filled.

Action: *Carry forward to the March meeting*

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2021

MOVED by Chris Foord, **SECONDED** by Corey Burger, that the minutes of the meeting held on January 12, 2021 be approved with the following amended motion. **CARRIED**

MOVED by Corey Burger, **SECONDED** by Chris Foord, that the Traffic Safety Commission recommends the Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board: That the Capital Regional District Board write a letter to municipalities who have not agreed to participate in the 40 km/h default speed pilot project to rethink their position, and to thank those councils that have already chosen to participate. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Haynes thanked everyone for their work and noted there are some vacancies on the Commission that we should look at filling.

Action: *A revised membership list will be distributed, with vacancies to be discussed at the March meeting*

Chair Haynes also commented that there was an item on the North Saanich Council meeting agenda of February 8 which, if approved, would bring North Saanich into the collective on the application process for the 40 km/h default speed limit pilot project.

5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

➤ Request from the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee for information on the effectiveness of red-light cameras in the region and near miss data for vulnerable road users

John Hicks reported he had a discussion with Erin Anderson regarding the red-light cameras to see what information is available that could be shared. He also noted that he had been contacted by Corey Burger to see how we can move forward with getting the near miss data for vulnerable road users.

Erin Anderson commented that she has some information that she can share on the two cameras in the CRD. She noted that as this is a provincial program, not a municipal program, any information compiled by the Commission would be recommendations only. If anything additional is required, a request would need to be made directly to the program area responsible. John said that basically the request is for information on the effectiveness of the red-light cameras, e.g., any report which had been done in relation to their impact, crash stats on the affected intersections, etc.

Chair Haynes asked if there was information available on the effectiveness of red-light cameras in other jurisdictions and Erin confirmed she has some data she can include. John Hicks will have this information summarized.

On the data side, John Hicks and Corey Burger had a conversation about the process in terms of looking at offering some options to the Committee as to what they might want as opposed to suggesting one option. Some work needs to be done on this to figure out how that would look and how we would present it to the Committee. Realistically, because of the timing, it won't be in the 2021 budget so there is time for the Commission to mull it over before it is sent to the Committee.

Chair Haynes asked if members had information on the second part of the request which dealt with near miss data for vulnerable road users. Corey Burger commented that this specific request could be folded in under the general data piece. Saanich active transportation planners have some good language around this because they are looking at combining near miss information with police and ICBC data and that is the model we might want to consider. There are further discussions that need to take place and ultimately that comes back to the idea of presenting some options to the Committee.

As there are two pieces to this request, it was agreed to report on them as two separate items, i.e., effectiveness of red-light cameras and near miss data for vulnerable road users.

Action: John Hicks to provide an update on these items at the March meeting

6. Priority Business

➤ Budget Update

John Hicks reported that there is a substantial surplus of about \$40,000 from last year so there is the opportunity this year to fund larger than usual projects. In total, there will be around \$70-80,000 available for advertising and grant applications.

Chris Foord suggested looking at some of the TSC past campaigns such as "Slow Down, Move Over."

Colleen Woodger mentioned a possible opportunity around a pilot program on active school travel through BC Healthy Communities. A couple of schools in the CRD are part of it, separate from the CRD Ready Step Roll Program. There is probably an appetite for some support around safe school travel. Chair Haynes commented that he has heard from Claremont Secondary regarding a youth action team looking for projects to take on and he will put this forward to them as an idea to get their thoughts on traffic safety. He also noted that if the proposed 40 km/h speed limit pilot project goes ahead, a large part of it will be the education piece so there may be possible funding

opportunities later in the year for schools or parents to take on education around road safety and speed reduction.

Action: Add ideas for grants/funding to the March meeting agenda

➤ **Topic for next advertising campaign**

Discussion was held on the topic for the next advertising campaign. Dr. Frederick Grouzet said they are looking for feedback from the Commission on what the third ad should be. The first and second ads were on distracted driving and cannabis edibles.

Two possible topics mentioned were young drivers with new vehicles, i.e., taking the time to see how the vehicle performs; and vehicle passengers and screens in cars.

Joe Perkins confirmed that Chek is waiting on whatever the Commission decides in terms of the next campaign.

Action: Dr. Frederick Grouzet to send list of priorities as identified by youth research to Commission members for discussion at the March meeting

➤ **Grant Application from Bike Victoria Society**

(Corey Burger recused himself from participating in discussion due to a potential conflict)

Sub-committee members Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Dallas Perry, Colleen Woodger and Dr. Frederick Grouzet evaluated this funding application and Paweena reported on the application details and evaluation process using the assessment criteria developed by the Commission.

The Bike Victoria Society had submitted a grant application for funding to update a bike skills instructor manual that will be used to train instructors for upcoming BVS courses related to developing safe cycling habits and behaviours. Funds in the amount of \$4483 were requested to cover expenses related to hiring independent contractors to support staff in updating the manual, as well as costs related to printing and binding of the manuals.

Subcommittee members unanimously saw merit in the project, and it met the funding criteria, however, clarification is requested from the applicant on several items prior to releasing the funds.

MOVED by Paweena Sukhawathanakul, **SECONDED** by Colleen Woodger, that approval be given to funding the Bike Victoria Society application in the amount of \$4483 subject to the requested information being supplied. **CARRIED**

7. Member Updates

• **RoadSafetyBC – Erin Anderson**

- Still dealing with some challenges from the pandemic around driver medical fitness assessments. Issuance of driver medical examination reports for drivers over 80 has stopped due to concern about overwhelming the medical community
- Looking at renewal of the BC road safety strategy

• **ICBC – Colleen Woodger**

- Doing some work with the CRD Ready Step Roll program on a couple of initiatives that will be coming out in the coming weeks
- The road safety speaker tour is going virtual. Schools choose from four different speakers with a virtual presentation, and then have a live question and answer session
- The distracted driving campaign will be taking place in March
- The ICBC enhanced care model is rolling out so lots of change coming with the way claims are processed, etc.
- Spent time the past month profiling some of the great work the road improvement team has done with municipalities and MOTI
- Promoting their community grants and looking for good quality grants to help support financially
- Has established a good connection with the new corporal on Salt Spring Island
- Volunteers are still standing down. Connecting by Zoom or other ways to try and keep proactive community members engaged

- **Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker**
 - In partnership with the United Way, the BCAA community child car seat program provides child car seats annually to eligible non-profit agencies and community groups. In the past year, 66 seats were provided to different programs in the CRD
 - Regarding project grants, suggestion that a TSC representative attend an open school board meeting to bring grant availability information which would then be reflected in the minutes and also could be passed along to administrators

Action: John Hicks will discuss with Ready Step Roll program staff who already have contacts with schools and school districts and provide feedback for next meeting
- **Seniors – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul**
No update
- **CRD – John Hicks**
 - The Ready Step Roll program will have eight schools participating, largely from the Westshore
 - Winter Bike to Work Week is coming up
- **Integrated Road Safety Unit - Sgt. Jereme Leslie**
 - Ron Cronk has retired from the police and Jereme Leslie is taking over for the next while. Will be working with ICBC next month on the distracted driving campaign
- **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Rudi Wetselaar**
No update
- **Vancouver Island Safety Council – Ron Cronk**
 - Bill Laughlin has retired, and Ron Cronk is now in his first month as representative from Vancouver Island Safety Council
 - Registrations for learning to ride motorcycles are filling up faster than they ever have so anticipating a lot of new riders on the road this spring and summer
- **Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition – Corey Burger**
No update
- **Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman**
 - Happy to hear that the TSC is looking for projects to fund and will contact his board about possible pedestrian safety projects
- **Municipal Police Forces – Sgt. Ryan O’Neill, Victoria; Sgt. Andy Walsh, Saanich**
 - Both police agencies will be participating in the provincial campaign on distracted driving in March
- **BC Transit – Dallas Perry**
No update
- **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Shawn Haley**
No update
- **Working Group for UVic Centre on Youth and Society Joint Project – Dr. Frederick Grouzet**
Update given under “topic for next advertising campaign”

8. **Other Business**

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at noon. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.