

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Members: Erin Anderson, RoadSafetyBC (EP)
Corey Burger, Capital Bike (EP)
Chris Foord, Community Member (EP)
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Centre for Youth and Society, UVic (EP)
Fred Haynes, CRD Director (Chair) (EP)
Sgt. Jereme Leslie, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit (EP)
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria (EP)
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute of Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic (Vice-Chair) (EP)
Colleen Woodger ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement (EP)

Associates: John Hicks, CRD
S/Sgt. Andy Walsh, Saanich Police (EP)

Regrets: Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Joe Perkins, Media
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 12:05 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2021

MOVED by Chris Foord, **SECONDED** by Colleen Woodger, that the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2021 be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Haynes thanked Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul for chairing the last meeting and noted comments regarding improving the processes we are involved with.

4. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

➤ **Commission membership/vacancies**

We currently have the following vacancies on the Commission: BC Ambulance, BC Coroners Service, Island Health (Medical Health Officer), School Districts, and a second media representative. We have been unable to get a member from BC Ambulance and there has been past discussion about having the bylaw changed to remove them from the membership. The Island Health Medical Health Officer had to step back from the Traffic Safety Commission this year due to the demands of dealing with the pandemic but hopes to be able to return next year. The Coroner's Service are still restructuring and moving staff and working out what their roles are. The best contact for them has always been through Island Health as they have a more direct relationship. John Hicks has reached out to one of the school districts and will contact the other two and believes it is probable that we will get a school district member later this year.

➤ **Update on advertising**

Frederick Grouzet said they are facing some challenges in getting the next ad ready because of restrictions related to COVID. He has talked to Island Health about what they would recommend

and are trying to be creative in the way that some of the filming will be done. The script is still being finalized.

Frederick Grouzet will contact CHEK regarding a timeline so we can start to get messaging out through social media.

As discussed previously, it was recommended that the Commission should be aligning messaging with the annual provincial enforcement campaign schedule. The calendar will be distributed to members and added to the agenda.

Action: Add provincial enforcement campaign schedule as a standing agenda item

➤ **Update on information re the effectiveness of red-light cameras in the region**

This item is in response to a request from the Transportation Committee. John Hicks noted that Erin Anderson has provided some data, however, more work is needed to move forward with getting information to the Committee. It was suggested that we work with our university partners and provide some funding for a student to get the material into a format that could be presented to the Committee. The particular interest is seeing how the rollout of the cameras has been going and trying to get an indication of how the program is running.

Discussion was held on how to proceed. Chair Haynes commented that data shows there is more risk to people at intersections so if we want to help address residents' safety, the red-light camera piece should be given more attention and should be a priority for us. Having this work done as a university project is a good idea.

Information giving data on intersection crashes is available online and it would not be difficult to come up with a list of the most dangerous intersections. It would be helpful to have a series of suggestions to help the Committee to take it to the Board for recommendations. Ultimately, it would have to go to the province.

Once the scope of the work is determined, a timeline can be established, and a budget allocated.

Action: John Hicks, Paweena Sukhawathanakul and Erin Anderson will meet to define the scope of the study and bring this information to the June meeting

➤ **Update on near miss data for vulnerable road users**

Todd Litman said that he is familiar with the issue and the information Corey Burger was sharing which was based on a program in the UK where police tracked near misses. Todd will send out the link which will provide some background.

Action: Carry forward to the June meeting

➤ **Process for putting forth recommendations**

John Hicks discussed this with CRD Legislative Services. There are two pieces to the process. One is how the Commission brings forward items to the Committee keeping within the general framework. There is an understanding that anyone advocating for an item they have brought forward needs to recuse themselves from voting. The second piece is how we bring forward recommendations and John is working with CRD Legislative Services and the Corporate Department on this. It will likely require an introductory staff report giving key recommendations, attaching the motions and some background information. We will have to formalize things to bring forward recommendations.

Action: John Hicks to provide information on formal process for June meeting

5. Priority Business

➤ **Budget Update**

John Hicks reminded members that we are in a healthy financial position and are ready to assist community groups with project funding.

6. Member Updates

- **RoadSafetyBC – Erin Anderson**
 - The BC Road Safety strategy is about to be launched and more information will be coming next week which Erin will share with the Commission.
- **ICBC – Colleen Woodger**
 - The new Enhanced Care model is in place as of May 1.
 - May is high risk driving month and the focus is more on smaller communities in this campaign.
 - The speaker program has gone virtual this year. Colleen sat in on the presentation at Parkland Secondary. They had a number of cohorts in on a question-and-answer session and it was an amazing experience. More schools coming on board.
 - Working with the CRD active school travel program and “Think of Me” packages have been sent to all the elementary schools for teachers to deliver in the schools on behalf of ICBC. Will be working with local police re increased awareness about speeds in school zones.
 - Spent an afternoon with Saanich Police summer students. Great group of leaders. Colleen informed them about the Sarah Beckett scholarship.
 - Impaired driving campaign will take place in July.

Chris Foord commented that CFA has done a good job in promoting the Sarah Beckett scholarship.

- **Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker**
 - BCAA is starting a pilot project on the mainland in July for car seat recycling and hoping to bring it to the island this fall. It will be free for members, with a small fee for non-members. This is an exciting program as there are many seats that get picked up at dump sites, or from online free ads, and reused past expiry leading to unsafe child seats being used on local roads.
- **Seniors – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul**

No update
- **CRD – John Hicks**
 - The trails widening and lighting public engagement is coming forward shortly. The terms of separated use and initiatives to improve safety for users will be a large part of that.
 - Bike counts are on next week so volunteers will be out in the streets.
 - CRD regional transportation priorities are going to the Board for approval tomorrow. Several safety initiatives were identified, e.g., Vision Zero and standardization of regional trails across municipalities so the same bylaws and regulations would be in place.
 - The proposed speed reduction pilot project was fed through municipal and electoral area partners and is being framed as a report that is going to the Board tomorrow.
- **Integrated Road Safety Unit - Sgt. Jereme Leslie**
 - The provincial enforcement high risk driving campaign is in full swing. In a few hours on the Malahat, three officers issued approximately 50 violation tickets including one for travelling 148 km/h in an 80 km/h zone. The Malahat continues to be a major problem for the CRD.
- **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Rudi Wetselaar**

No update
- **Vancouver Island Safety Council – Ron Cronk**

No update
- **Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition – Corey Burger**
 - Capital Bike is the new name for the merger between the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition and the Greater Victoria Bike to Work Society. Go By Bike Week is coming up at the end of month.
 - A volunteer is currently working on bike maps 2020 data and seeing what the trends are.
 - BC lacks a safe passing law so looking into what can be done in terms of signage and education to help safety.

- **Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman**
No update
- **Municipal Police Forces – S/Sgt. Andy Walsh, Saanich Police**
 - Motorcycles have been moved to a new platform. Four new motorcycles have been purchased and training is taking place for new and existing riders to transition to the new platform. With the warmer weather, there are some good enforcement opportunities that motorcycles allow over cars and trucks.
- **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**
No update
- **Island Health - Jade Yehia**
No update

7. **Other Business**
No additional business

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2021 at noon. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.