

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Members: Erin Anderson, RoadSafetyBC (EP)
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council (EP)
Chris Foord, Community Member (EP)
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Centre for Youth and Society, UVic (EP)
Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (EP)
Fred Haynes, CRD Director (Chair) (EP)
Jereme Leslie, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit (EP)
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria (EP)
Joe Perkins, Media (EP)
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic (Vice-Chair) (EP)
Angela Wheeler, Island Health (EP)
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement (EP)

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

Regrets: Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Corey Burger, Capital Bike
Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

EP – Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Haynes provided a territorial acknowledgement.

The CRD conducts its business in Coast Salish and Nuu chah nulth territories and works to be increasingly mindful of its commitment to more inclusive governance with our neighbours. I would like to acknowledge the 11 neighbouring First Nations governments with whom we are committed to building stronger working relationships: Songhees; Esquimalt; Scia'new (Chee-Ah-nook); T'Sou-ke (SOWK); Pacheedaht; Tseycum; Tsartlip; Tsawout; Pauquachin; Malahat; and Penelekut Tribe.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Colleen Woodger, **SECONDED** by Chris Foord, that the agenda be approved with the following addition: **CARRIED**

- Walk and Wheel to School Program grant application funding

3. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2021

MOVED by Colleen Woodger, **SECONDED** by Todd Litman, that the minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2021 be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Haynes commented that the BikeMaps.org group is working with the Regional Mayors caucus to present to the November meeting. He is also working to have them present to the Saanich Police Board and Saanich Council. Both Victoria and Saanich engineering have been using the BikeMaps data.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Update on Literature Review re the effectiveness of Red-Light Cameras in the Region**
Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul provided an update. Under her supervision, a grad student has been preparing a literature review on the advocacy and effectiveness of red-light cameras around the

world and it has now been completed. A summary could be presented to the Commission in November.

Erin Anderson noted that RoadSafetyBC will be giving a 10-minute presentation to the Transportation Committee on October 20 in response to their request last year for information. She will connect with Paweena and the program manager of the intersection safety camera program so the information prepared by the student can be shared for use as supporting material. RoadSafetyBC are pulling together evaluation criteria, etc., to present to the Committee.

John Hicks noted that the Board has directed that the CRD form a transportation committee working group which is made up of engineering directors from all municipalities, electoral areas, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit. One of the pieces is in relation to traffic safety so that will have a bit of an interrelationship with this Commission. That means whatever messaging is coming through this forum can go out through a very broad audience so will have a direct input into municipal engineering departments through that process. The first meeting will be in January or February of next year.

During discussion, it was suggested that the province look at adding more sites for intersection safety cameras in the CRD besides the existing two, and that the speed function be connected on the red-light cameras.

Erin Anderson commented that the intersection safety program is a provincial program and the purpose of the presentation to the Transportation Committee on the 20th is to outline the criteria for selection and provide an update on the program. That meeting is open to the public so this group can attend if interested. She would like to clarify expectations of what this Commission is doing and how that relates to information being presented on the 20th. She noted that it had been agreed that the Commission was paying for a student to do a jurisdictional scan of other programs around the world and what evaluations they have done for red-light cameras and wanted to clarify that was the scope that was agreed to, and what further recommendations this Commission is looking at.

Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul confirmed that the purpose of the literature review was to provide a broader collection of research to assist with the October 20 presentation, rather than making any recommendations. The summary of the review can be presented to the Commission in November. Paweena and Erin will meet to discuss.

Chair Haynes commented that after the summary is presented at the November Commission meeting, it could possibly be presented to the regional mayors for information, given that there the high incidence of crashes and injuries at intersections is a key concern.

Action: Summary presentation of literature review to be given at the November meeting

6. Priority Business

John Hicks introduced Angela Wheeler as the new interim member from Island Health replacing Jade Yehia for the next few months. Angela has a background in environmental health.

➤ Budget Update

John Hicks provided an update. There has been a bit of a change from last month with the additional funds allocated to ICBC to support their winter impaired campaign. Thanks to Colleen Woodger for coordinating that work. It gives the Commission a social media presence that we don't usually have. Also, we have purchased the reflectors as approved at last month's meeting. Some were distributed last week with the count volunteers and tested out on helmets, bikes, backpacks, etc. A campaign focused on visibility will be undertaken early next year.

We have approximately \$20,000 we could still spend this year, or it will be carried forward.

In response to a request by Chair Haynes, John Hicks said he could coordinate a media release going out after the annual update on the Commission's activities being presented to the Transportation Committee next week.

➤ **BC Association of Chiefs of Police Calendar**

- September – Distracted Drivers Campaign/Occupant Restraint Campaign
- October – Drive Relative to Conditions Campaign (Speed/Pedestrian), Shift into Winter
- December – Winter Impaired Driving Campaign
- March – Distracted Drivers Campaign/Occupant Restraint Campaign

The purpose of putting the BCACP calendar initiatives on our agenda is to act as a reminder for the Commission re the focus of our partners and to try and frame our advertising to support them.

7. Member Updates

• **RoadSafetyBC – Erin Anderson**

- RoadSafetyBC is continuing to roll out the BC road safety strategy that was announced in May. The steering committee is considering different subcommittee topics, and one thing being looked at is the culture of speed, i.e., why people feel that it's ok to speed so more about that behavioral analysis type idea. They are looking for other topics and ideas based on data and a data-driven approach of what we can undertake as a province to advance road safety.

• **ICBC – Colleen Woodger**

No update

• **Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker**

No update

• **Seniors – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul**

- Working on putting in a grant funding request for a small research project with Capital Bikes using an app that measures cognitive function in older adults and looking at whether cycling among this demographic has any impact on that. Also partnering with BikeMaps to identify municipalities that are safer and more accessible for cycling for that demographic. It was agreed that Island Health and the Traffic Safety Commission could provide letters of support.

Todd Litman asked to what degree walkers would be included and Paweena said they would like to include expanded criteria for multi-use pathways that are considered more accessible. BikeMaps is doing a pedestrian map as well. Todd noted with the changes to Vancouver Street, there are a large number of people walking dogs there and hopes that a component of the research is looking at dog walking as a subset of pedestrian activity.

• **CRD – John Hicks**

No update

• **Integrated Road Safety Unit – Jereme Leslie**

- Currently about halfway through the October Drive relative to Conditions Campaign and high crash zones, as well as normal roadways are being targeted.
- The 2022 BC Association of Chiefs of Police enforcement calendar will be out shortly.
- Because of the Victoria Police having to pull some of their resources, CRD IRSU will be down about one-third of their staffing as of November and will be holding an emergency joint management team meeting to see how that will impact daily operations.

• **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Rudi Wetselaar**

No update

• **Vancouver Island Safety Council – Ron Cronk**

- Wrapping up the last of their motorcycle training this weekend and will start again in February. It was a very strong year and fully booked.

• **Capital Bike – Corey Burger**

No update

- **Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman**
No update
- **Municipal Police Forces**
 - Davinder Dalep, Oak Bay Police – Oak Bay Police have purchased a new scope and there has been an increase in violation tickets for cell phone and seat belt infractions.
 - Andy Walsh, Saanich Police – 3D scanner purchased for collision analysis team. It is a piece of equipment that can quickly map collision scenes and other major crime scenes that would otherwise take a forensic team a long time to do.
 - This month the provincial campaign is Drive Relative to Conditions so that is the focus for traffic safety. Speeding is still occurring in school zones and a fair amount of time is being spent doing enforcement at the beginning and end of the school day.
- **BC Transit – Dallas Perry**
No update
- **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Shawn Haley**
 - Several projects are going on in the CRD. (1) Otter Point – Woodhaven Road shoulder widening project which is creating multi-user lanes on the side of the highway. It should be complete by July 31, 2022. (2) Gillespie interchange, Highway 14 - should be complete by September 30, 2022. (3) Keating Flyover on Highway 17 – currently at 50% detail design and it is hoped to put that out to tender in spring 2022. (4) Mt. Newton transit queue jumper will be going to tender later this week. (5) Multi-user lanes added on West Saanich Road. (6) Upgrades to Parkinson Road in Port Renfrew.
 - MOTI contractor Emcon planning on getting enforcement agencies and emergency services together at the end of October to talk about winter priorities.
- **Island Health – Angela Wheeler**
No update
- **Working Group for UVic Centre on Youth and Society Joint Project – Dr. Frederick Grouzet**
 - The links to the video for the ad re driving with cyclists on the road had been forwarded to members for review and comment. Once it is approved, it will be shown on Chek. The three completed videos will be on YouTube, as well as social media so the number of views can be tracked.

MOVED by Chris Foord, **SECONDED** by Paweena Sukhawathanakul, that the ad re driving with cyclists on the road be approved. **CARRIED**

Action: Dr. Fred Grouzet to send YouTube and social media links to John Hicks

8. Other Business

- **Walk and Wheel to School Program Grant Application Funding**
As discussed at last month's meeting, members of the grant subcommittee had identified areas of concern with the Walk and Wheel to School Program grant application and the applicant was asked to articulate a more comprehensive plan. This additional information has now been received and members are asked to approve the funding request.

MOVED by Chris Foord, **SECONDED** by Todd Litman, that approval be given for funding in the amount of \$3,000 for the Walk and Wheel to School Program grant application. **CARRIED**

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2021 at 12:30. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.