

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

**Members:** Kash Akinkuowo, RoadSafetyBC (EP)  
Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact (EP)  
Corey Burger, Capital Bike (EP)  
Shawn Haley, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (EP)  
Sgt. Andy Harward, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit (EP)  
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria  
Steve Martin, Community Member  
Joe Perkins, Media (EP)  
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic (Vice-Chair)  
(EP)

**Associates:** John Hicks, CRD  
Cpl. Andy Sanchez, Sidney/North Saanich RCMP (EP)

**Regrets:** Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council  
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Centre for Youth and Society, UVic  
Fred Haynes, CRD Director (Chair)  
Rudi Wetselaar, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement  
Angela Wheeler, Island Health  
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement

**Recording Secretary:** Arlene Bowker

EP – Electronic Participation

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm. In the absence of Chair Haynes, Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul acted as Chair.

New member Steve Martin was introduced. He will be filling the vacant position on the Commission for a community member with related experience. Steve has an extensive background in road safety and spent several years as Superintendent of Motor Vehicles. He commented that he is pleased to be a member of the Commission and is looking forward to being able to contribute to road safety.

**1. Territorial Acknowledgement**

John Hicks provided a territorial acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED** by Andy Harward, **SECONDED** by Shawn Haley, that the agenda be approved as distributed. **CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2022; April 12, 2022**

**MOVED** by Andy Harward, **SECONDED** by Shawn Haley, that the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

**MOVED** by Andy Harward, **SECONDED** by Shawn Haley, that the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2022 be approved. **CARRIED**

**4. Chair’s Remarks**

No remarks

## 5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

### ➤ Update on Transportation Working Group

John Hicks provided an update on the Transportation Working Group meeting held yesterday. This group consists largely of engineers from each of the municipalities, Ministry of Transportation staff, BC Transit staff and electoral area senior managers. Some of the agenda items relate quite closely to what the Commission is looking at in terms of regional trail intersections and crossings on local streets. The goal is to make things more consistent across the regional trails network so that people using it from one end of the network to the other understand how they can cross the streets safely. The Working Group are looking at where the gaps are and what the consistency across the region is. Regional Parks did a report through WATT Engineering looking at the best practice for crossings and we are trying to align with that report. Municipalities are keen to advance safety improvements quickly and ensure there is consistency across the region. Some of the work is scheduled for as early as this summer.

Corey Burger commented that input from user groups is important and is something that has been lacking the past.

Other issues discussed at the Working Group meeting included:

- Summer and fall road projects across the region. There is a significant amount of work scheduled so there will be considerable impact on the roads. That information will be communicated out through the individual municipalities and shared with BC Transit, etc., once schedules are finalized.
- Transportation target setting and reporting. The Provincial government has set vehicle kilometers travelled (VTK) targets in their climate change policy. The working group are letting the Ministry know that the targets create a huge challenge for municipal and regional staff trying to report back out to them and asking for support with a standard methodology we could work through.
- Cycling network map update. The pedestrian and cycling master plan (PCMP) map identifies all the regional corridors for cycling from one end of the region to the other. The PCMP was a great start which enabled municipalities to have conversations about active transportation plans and where active transportation fit into their road networks and community profiles. Most municipalities have active transportation plans and there are three more plans across the region coming out this year. Once the plans are submitted, the map will be updated and will show different levels of service on the cycling network at a regional scale. This will be an ongoing process this year.
- Transportation demand management. A pilot program working with DND – CFB Esquimalt will take place to work on travel demand management process and protocols with that large employment sector. Initial conversations are starting now and some profiling work will be done to start with.

The Working Group meeting was very well attended with lots of support. There is interest in the Traffic Safety Commission potentially supporting their work.

### ➤ Demographics/data collected from collision information

Further to discussions at the Commission's April meeting, Kash Akinkuowo from RoadSafetyBC confirmed that demographic data on ethnicity or similar themes is not collected on violation tickets and commented that discussions on this would be at a provincial level.

Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul asked for input as to how we can move forward with this issue. Corey Burger commented that the challenge is that we don't have the administrative data and suggested that the Commission write a letter to the Board or the Province asking if there is a way that this information could be collected. John Hicks responded that a letter would need to go through the Transportation Committee and the Board and would need to show how it relates to the business of the CRD or our partners. He also commented that discussions around equity in transportation are already taking place with the Community Planning Council. The CRD have made a commitment to advancing this level of work and the province will probably come forward with directions as well as to what information we can gather. It was agreed to relook at this issue in about six months.

**Action: Bring back to November meeting agenda**

- **Commission Role in clarifying issues around Insurance**  
ICBC has issued a news release regarding a policy change to no longer seek recovery for costs from pedestrians and cyclists in some clearly defined situations. The news release will be forwarded to Commission members. Given this information, it was agreed to relook at this issue in about six months to see what effect the policy changes have.

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## 6. Priority Business

- **Budget Update**  
We have approximately \$60-65,000 for the remainder of the year which gives us the ability to fund some additional grants. Please get the message out to any of the agencies or groups you are working with that there is money available to support traffic safety education.
- **Commission Membership**  
Currently in communication with the school districts to try and get a member for the Commission as this position has been vacant for some time. It is expected that the medical health officer position won't be filled for the foreseeable future due to the demands of the pandemic.
- **Cst. Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship**  
The Commission website has been updated with the 2022 application and we will be forwarding information that members can pass on through their contacts and social media networks.

Joe Perkins commented that he shared information about the scholarship on last night's CHEK newscast.

- **Funding Application from Capital Bike**  
Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul noted that subcommittee members have been working on reviewing the application from Capital Bike and provided some comments on the evaluation, however, besides herself, only one other member has submitted an evaluation of the application. The subcommittee is open to new members, so if you are interested in participating, please contact Paweena.

The funding application from Capital Bike requested \$4500 to update their Kid and Youth Bike Skills Training Manual. Some feedback will be provided to Capital Bike to help strengthen and streamline the manual update to coincide with some other ongoing campaigns and initiatives, but other than that, we are very supportive of the application.

**MOVED** by Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, **SECONDED** by Todd Litman, that approval be given to grant Capital Bike funding in the amount of \$4500 to update their Kid and Youth Bike Skills Training Manual. **CARRIED**

**Note: Corey Burger, Capital Bike member on the Traffic Safety Commission, had left the meeting prior to this vote taking place.**

**Action: Vice-Chair Sukhawathanakul will circulate the evaluation details and feedback will be forwarded to Capital Bike.**

- **BCACP Calendar**
  - May – High-Risk Driving Campaign
  - July – Summer Impaired Driving Campaign
  - October – 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. We could do the advertising ourselves or support any of our partners with additional funding to expand their campaigns.

## 7. Other Business

## 8. Member Updates

- **RoadSafetyBC – Kash Akinkuowo**
  - RoadSafetyBC is supporting the high-risk driving campaign as per the BCACP calendar.
  - May is also motorcycle safety awareness month so messages are going out about that.
- **ICBC – Colleen Woodger**

No update
- **Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker**
  - Starting more in-person training again and currently working with Colwood Fire Rescue. Also, looking to get more local professionals trained in child car seat safety and education.
  - A slow down, move over roadside blitz is currently going on. There are some short videos on the BCAA website and promoting it on social media.
- **Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul**

No update
- **CRD –John Hicks**
  - The volunteer bike count is running this week with volunteers out across the region counting cyclist numbers at key locations and identifying gender and numbers of children to get an indication of the various user groups who are using the road networks.
- **Integrated Road Safety Unit – Andy Harward**
  - In support of the BCACP calendar, IRSU is working the highways throughout the CRD to cut down on speeders and today are focusing on the Malahat.
  - On May 21, IRSU will be doing an impaired driving blitz around the CRD.
- **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Rudi Wetselaar**

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

No update
- **Capital Bike – Corey Burger**

No update
- **Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman**
  - Todd asked what would be involved for Walk On, Victoria to propose to the CRD that there be a region wide process for evaluating walking and biking conditions on roads and paths and be able to start mapping them? John Hicks replied that a submission could be forwarded to him, and he will take it through the Transportation Working Group and Transportation Committee.
- **Municipal Police Forces**
  - Cpl. Andy Sanchez, Sidney/North Saanich RCMP
    - Focusing quite heavily in the last few months on impaired driving. Several individuals from the detachment have been identified for the Alexa team.
- **BC Transit – Dallas Perry**

No update
- **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Shawn Haley**
  - No further updates from the last meeting. Their maintenance contractor is currently shifting to the spring/summer program.
  - Work will take place on repairing some of the road damage that occurred during the atmospheric river, and replacing culverts, etc.
  - It is anticipated that Tina Rogers will start sitting in on Commission meetings and be the main MOTI contact.

- **Island Health – Angela Wheeler**  
No update
  
- **Working Group for UVic Centre on Youth and Society Joint Project – Dr. Frederick Grouzet**
  - A Program Fair is being held on May 19 to showcase community and school-based programs and initiatives that have been created to support children and youth. Information on this event has been circulated to members.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2022 at 12:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.