# CROSS WALK SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 19, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Barry Dalrymple, Chair

Ms. Janet Barlow, Vice Chair Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher Councillor Waye Mason Ms. Jamy-Ellen Klenavic

Mr. Ben Wedge Dr. Ahsan Habib Mr. Kyle Miller

Sgt. David Reynolds Ms. Jill McGillicuddy

REGRETS: Ms. Lucille Reid

Mr. Stephen Stone

STAFF: Mr. Taso Koutrolakis, Manager, Traffic & Right of Way

Ms. Marilyn Smith, Volunteer Services Ms. Laurie Cook, Volunteer Services Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. in the Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

The Chair expressed appreciation to the Halifax Regional Police for being proactive in their recent crosswalk safety program with "Big Bear".

### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher, that Ms. Janet Barlow be nominated as Vice Chair.

The Chair called three times for any other nominations. There being none, nominations ceased.

### MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Ms. Barlow was declared Vice Chair.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2013

The following amendments were requested:

- Page 3 Jackie *Naerebout*
- Page 4, Paragraph 5 remove the word not and replace with "to"
- Page 5. Paragraphs 1 and 2 change beacons to "speed sensors"

MOVED by Councillor Mason, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fisher, that the minutes be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

# 4. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Ms. Barlow, seconded by Mr. Miller, that the Order of Business be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES November 28, 2013
- 5.1 Work Plan Session Marilyn Smith and Laurie Cook, Volunteer Services

Ms. Marilyn Smith and Ms. Laurie Cook, Volunteer Services, facilitated the work plan session. The Committee divided into two groups and focused on current data

collection, challenges, improvements and next steps. The following is a summary of the session:

## **Currently/Challenges:**

- Dr. Habib and students at Dalhousie continue to collect data
- New police reports and statistics are now being collected re: accidents involving pedestrians
- Data collection happening, but storage different, different jurisdictions, no central area for all data collection
- Service Nova Scotia and other departments collect different data
- Sharing/using/analyzing procedures on the issue and slow
- Issue re: breaking down locations
- Consistency in reporting could be an issue; systems don't match, have 'chunks' but not holistic view

### Improvements/Next Steps:

- Nova Scotia Police Chiefs, Transport & Service Nova Scotia all get together to develop partnerships
- Consistency in data collection
- Officers to use GPS
- Do not rely on police only to collect data 311 could be place to direct concerns about potential situations, but needs to be consistent in data collection

Deputy Mayor Fisher questioned how Halifax Regional Police (HRP) collects data. Sgt. Reynolds responded that HRP is now collecting data on all accidents whether there are injuries or not. He stated that collecting historic data from previous years is an issue that is being worked on.

The Chair commented that the RCMP have hired two additional traffic analysis and that the data collection is a slow process.

# 6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 Correspondence
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MOVED by Deputy Mayor Fisher, seconded by Ms. Barlow, that the correspondence be accepted as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

- 7. REPORTS/DISCUSSION NONE
- 8. ADDED ITEMS NONE

# 9. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 23, 2014

The next regular meeting will be held on January 23, 2014 in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

The Committee agreed that a Special Meeting be held on one of the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; or
- Friday, January 10, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

It was noted that the meeting is to continue working on the Committee's work plan and that the Legislative Assistant would make the arrangements and notify members of the selected date and time based on confirmation of quorum.

The Committee requested a staff presentation at their January 23, 2014 meeting regarding Traffic Standards in rural, urban and suburban areas and challenges that are being faced in these areas.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Darcy Warren Legislative Support