



**CROSSWALK SAFETY ADVISORY
MINUTES
May 22, 2014**

- PRESENT:** Ms. Janet Barlow, Chair
Deputy Mayor Darren Fisher
Councillor Barry Dalrymple
Sgt. David Reynolds
Ms. Jill McGillicuddy
Mr. Kyle Miller
Mr. Kelsey Green
- REGRETS:** Ms. Jamey-Ellen Klenavic, Vice Chair
Councillor Wayne Mason
Dr. Ashan Habib
Ms. Krista Daley
Ms. Lucille Reid
- STAFF:** Mr. Taso Koutrolakis, Manager, Traffic and ROW
Mr. Roddy MacIntyre, Traffic and ROW
Ms. Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., and the Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Kelsey Green as the newest member of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee. She also welcomed Superintendent Sean Auld, Halifax Regional Police, who will be making a presentation to the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 24, 2014

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Miller that the minutes of April 24, 2014 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED by Councillor Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Miller that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

6.1 Correspondence

Submissions were received from Jim and Sandra MacLennan dated May 6, 2014.

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Presentations

6.3.1 Accident Support Services International System – Superintendent Sean Auld, Halifax Regional Police

The following was before the Committee:

- A copy of Superintendent Auld's presentation dated May 22, 2014

Superintendent Sean Auld made a presentation to the Committee on Accident Support Services International System.

Superintendent Auld informed the Committee that the Accident Support Services International System (ASSI) began as a pilot project with the Toronto Police Service and six insurance companies in 1994. They are currently working with twenty-seven agencies across Ontario and two in Alberta.

Superintendent Auld stated that the benefits would ensure that staff is provided at sites where the business case is present at no cost to police. Collision Reporting and Occurrence Management Software (CROMS) is provided at no cost to police. He informed the Committee that photos/measurements are taken at collision centres which reduces the opportunity for fraud and that claims would be processed faster.

Superintendent Auld stated that the benefits of CROMS will increase efficiency by:

- Reducing errors and increasing data integrity;
- Allowing the electronic transfer of data directly to the police records management system and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations;
- Streamline the process for officers who complete reports at the scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA), freeing them for higher value tasks;
- The collection of MVA data through the CROMS software will allow for the standardization and custom reports that will be generated, which will allow earlier identification and proactively address safety issues;
- Geographic plotting of collision related data;
- Greater communication that will ultimately increase safety;
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) concerns are addressed through the use of a waiver, and the system is Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) compliant, as no information is stored or processed outside of Canada.

Superintendent Auld stated that some of the challenges are HRM's large geographical areas prohibits establishing a single collision reporting centre as in some other jurisdictions. MVA volumes will not justify ASSI placing an employee in each Divisional Office/ Metro Detachment.

Superintendent Auld completed the presentation by stating that the HRM solution will be unique given to the geography and population. ASSI will be rolled out beginning with Halifax Headquarters on June 18, 2014; installed in vehicles on October 1, 2014, and at the Office of the East Division Building by the end of 2014. A hybrid approach will be used with an initial commitment for a twelve month pilot project.

A short discussion ensued with questions and comments.

Mr. Koutrolakis questioned if there are mandatory fields to fill out such as direction of vehicle. Superintendent Auld responded that there are mandatory fields and the form cannot be completed until the preceding field is completed.

Ms. Barlow questioned whether the province collects data and are their statistics included. Superintendent Auld responded that in order to do this province wide, our system will be used as

a model and standards for data collection. A presentation was made to the Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police and the Truro Police detachment expressed an interest in the project.

Councillor Dalrymple expressed it is worth it for the insurance companies due to fraud, so it is of utmost importance that the information collected is accurate. Superintendent Auld advised that information from January 2014 onward will be used to have a full year of stats. This information will be entered manually until the system is fully up and running.

The Chair thanked Superintendent Auld for the presentation.

7. CROSSWALK SAFETY WORK PLAN

7.1 STAFF

7.1.1 Community Crosswalk Program – Adopt a Crosswalk – Taso Koutrolakis

The following was before the Committee:

- A staff memorandum dated May 15, 2014

Mr. Koutrolakis informed the Committee that a survey was sent out on May 2, 2014 to members of the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) which will remain open until May 30, 2014. He stated that thirteen responses have been received and none of the agencies have “Adopt a Crosswalk” in place.

7.1.2 Discussion re: planning of a Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day – Taso Koutrolakis and Bruce Debaie

Mr. Koutrolakis informed the Committee that Mr. Debaie was unable to attend the meeting. He encouraged the Committee to submit comments and ideas to him and Mr. Debaie.

The Clerk’s Office will contact Mr. Debaie to attend the June meeting and begin rolling out the Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day.

The Committee agreed to the proposed date of Monday, November 3, 2014 for Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day. The Committee agreed to form a Sub Committee with two members from CSAC and two members at large. It was agreed that the Clerk’s Office send an e-mail out to members to consider being on the subcommittee and if they know of anyone who would like to be on the subcommittee. Nominations for members at large have to be recommended to the TSC for approval.

The Committee would like to have a large HRM Police and RCMP presence and the possibility of a media launch with Mayor Savage.

7.1.3 Update re: monthly pedestrian accidents statistics – Sgt. David Reynolds

Sgt. Reynolds presented statistics on monthly pedestrian accidents. He stated that it is difficult to extract information for comparison with other cities, although this will become easier once the new ASSI system is in place. The following statistics were presented:

- January 2014: Day time 15, Night time 17: Total 32
- February 2014: Day time 11, Night time 9: Total 20
- March 2014: Day time 13, Night time 7: Total 20
- April 2014: Day time 14, Night time 1: Total 15

A copy of Sgt. Reynolds presentation was provided for the record.

7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

7.2.1 Status Update re: meeting with Province on data collection – Dr. Ashan Habib

The following was before the Committee:

- An email extract from Dr. Ahsan Habib re: status update – meeting with Province on data collection

The Committee reviewed the information before them; no further action was taken at this time.

8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – June 26, 2014

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday June 26, 2014 in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Mr. Darcy Warren
Legislative Support