



**CROSSWALK SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 26, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Ms. Janet Barlow, Chair  
Mr. Kelsey Green, Vice Chair  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Reg Rankin  
Councillor Darren Fisher  
Ms. Anne James  
Dr. Ahsan Habib  
Ms. Krista Daley  
Sgt. Steve Calder

**REGRETS:** Ms. Lucille Reid  
Ms. Jill McGillicuddy

**STAFF:** Mr. Taso Koutroulakis, Manager, Traffic Management  
Mr. Roddy MacIntyre, Traffic Services Supervisor, Traffic and Right of Way  
Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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

*The agenda, supporting documents, and information items circulated to Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee are available online: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/csac/150226.php>*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., and the Committee adjourned at 12:00p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

At this time, round table introductions were made to introduce new members to the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 22, 2015**

**MOVED by Ms. Daley, seconded by Mr. Green that the minutes of January 22, 2015 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

Additions:

**8.1 Winter Conditions on Crosswalks – Krista Daley**

The Committee agreed to deal with item 7.2.1: Update on the preparation of the Crosswalk Safety Idea Café with DalTRAC – Dr. Ahsan Habib

**MOVED by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the agenda be approved as amended. 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 - None**

**6.2 Petitions - None**

**6.3 Presentations - None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.2.1 Update on the preparation of the Crosswalk Safety Idea Café with DalTrac – Dr. Ahsan Habib**

Dr. Habib and Mr. Koutroulakis presented an update to the Committee.

Mr. Koutroulakis advised the Committee that the Crosswalk Safety Idea Café will be held Wednesday March 4, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Dalhousie Engineering Alumni Lounge, B Building, 1360 Barrington Street, Halifax.

Mr. Koutroulakis provided an outline of the workshop. He stated that five (5) categories will be used for discussion topics: (1.) Engineering Plans; (2) Enforcement Plans; (3) Education Plans; (4) Evaluation Plans; and (5) #SharetheRoadNS Movement. He noted that each topic will have a knowledge dealer and discussions will last twenty minutes. At the conclusion of the session there will be an opportunity to discuss the themes and outcomes.

Dr. Habib requested, if possible, that all Committee members plan to attend and encourage others to attend as well. He stated that he would like to see a good turn out with a minimum of thirty people, fifty would be even better. Dr. Habib stated that the main objective of the café is to raise awareness for crosswalk safety.

Ms. Daley informed the Committee that she has extended an invitation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Committee agreed that staff and Councillors be sent an invitation through the Clerk's Office.

## **7.1 STAFF**

### **7.1.1 Update on Halifax Regional Police Enforcement Efforts**

The following was before the Committee:

- Update on Halifax Regional Police Enforcement Efforts

Sgt. Calder began his update by advising the Committee that February is dedicated to Crosswalk Safety. He also stated that there are special check points where Halifax Regional Police (HRP) are assigned. Sgt. Calder noted that in November 2014 there were 144 checks completed; which included issuance of 50 tickets, not all tickets issued were crosswalk infractions. He stated that the main focus is on marked and unmarked crosswalks.

Councillor Rankin posed the following questions to Sgt. Calder: Are HRP in their vehicles or do they walk the special check points? Is there any discretion in the amounts of the fines? Sgt. Calder responded that HRP are mostly in their vehicles. He responded to the question of fines by stating that there is no discretion regarding fines which can range from \$400.00 to \$600.00, but verbal warnings are usually given.

Councillor Fisher questioned if a three hour education course would be useful? Sgt. Calder responded that a three hour course is reasonable and that education is crucial to crosswalk safety.

Dr. Habib left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

### **7.1.2 2015 – 2016 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**

The following was before the Committee:

- *2015 – 2016 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan*

Mr. Koutroulakis began his review of the 2015 – 2016 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan by stating that he would highlight the key points, not the whole plan. He stated that HRM are now able to collect statistics in partnership with Accident Support Services International (ASSI). Collision information is collected and entered into their Collision Reporting and Occurrence Management System (CROMS) software, which allows for data analysis by HRP/RCMP analysts.

Councillor McCluskey left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Koutroulakis related to the Committee the monthly HRP/RCMP Integrated Traffic Unit monthly themes and gave an overview of statistics from 2012 through 2014 for traffic infractions including crosswalk statistics.

Mr. Koutroulakis finished the review by informing the Committee of the work completed so far on signalized intersections, RA-5 crosswalks, uncontrolled and marked crosswalks Zebra Markings and maintenance work.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Koutroulakis for his review and stated that the public needs to be aware of the successes to date.

At this time the Chair requested the Clerk's Office send the Head's Up Halifax Campaign pre and post survey results to the Committee Members.

**7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**7.2.1 Update on the preparation of the Crosswalk Safety Idea Café with DalTrac – Dr. Ahsan Habib**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**8. ADDED ITEMS**

**8.1 Winter Conditions on Crosswalks – Krista Daley**

Ms. Daley requested an update on efforts being taken on winter conditions on crosswalks. Mr. Koutroulakis responded that every measure possible is being taken to ensure residents are safe using crosswalks. He further explained that winter conditions this year are not the norm. He encouraged all those observing poor crosswalk conditions to call 311.

At this time the Chair informed Committee members that a protest on sidewalk conditions will be held on Friday March 6, 2015.

**9. IN CAMERA - None**

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – March 26, 2015**

The next regular meeting of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Darcy Warren  
Legislative Support