



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

**PRESENT:** Ms. Janet Barlow, Chair  
Mr. Kelsey Green, Vice Chair  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Reg Rankin  
Ms. Lucille Reid  
Dr. Ahsan Habib  
Ms. Krista Daley  
Ms. Jill McGillicuddy  
Sgt. Steve Calder

**REGRETS:** Councillor Darren Fisher  
Ms. Anne James

**STAFF:** Mr. Taso Koutroulakis, Traffic Management and Right of Way  
Ms. Phoebe Smith, Legislative Assistant  
Ms. Jennifer Weagle, 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 10:05 a.m., and the Committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2015**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Dr. Habib that the minutes of February 26, 2015 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

**MOVED by Ms. Daley, seconded by Ms. Reid that the agenda be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 Status of the Non-Monetary Penalties for Crosswalk Violations Recommendation put forward to the Transportation Standing Committee and then to Regional Council**

The Chair informed the Committee that the Transportation Standing Committee, through Regional Council on March 10, 2015, approved and has recommended the Mayor write a letter to the Province recommending changes to the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act with respect to non-monetary penalties.

Sgt. Steve Calder entered the meeting at this time.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence - None**

**6.2 Petitions - None**

**6.3 Presentations - None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 STAFF - None**

**7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**7.2.1 Debrief from Crosswalk Safety Idea Café' with DalTRAC – Dr. Ahsan Habib**

The following was before the Committee:

- *Information Café: Crosswalk Safety Workshop Report*

Dr. Habib informed the Committee that the Crosswalk Safety Idea Café was held on March 4, 2015 with thirty-five (35) people in attendance. He stated that the workshop was divided into five categories; (1) Engineering Plans; (2) Enforcement Plans; (3) Education Plans; (4) Evaluation Plans and; (5) #SharetheRoadNSMovement.

Dr. Habib thanked all those who supported and acted as knowledge dealers for the event. He stated that he would like staff to review the report and hopefully the actions and outcomes may be used when planning crosswalks and pedestrian safety.

Ms. Barlow suggested, and the Committee agreed, that the matter be revisited at the next Committee meeting to determine if recommendations can be drawn from the report.

#### **7.2.2 Brief Updates from the Chair**

Ms. Barlow informed the Members that she had the opportunity to try out a “Distracted Driving Simulator” in January 2015. She noted that this might be useful when considering education on crosswalks and roads. The following link was provided to the Committee for their review:

<http://www.drivingsimulatorscanada.ca>

#### **7.2.3 Discussion re: Crosswalks on Private Property and Municipal Mandate**

A brief discussion ensued on crosswalks on private property and Municipal Mandate.

Mr. Koutroulakis stated that accidents are occurring in private parking lots such as malls and that crosswalks are included in Land Use By-Laws and are taken into consideration in the planning process for new developments.

Councillor Rankin expressed the public’s concerns of HRM’s role when there are issues and accidents on private property especially when addressing walking concerns. Mr. Koutroulakis responded that there is no recourse once a development has been completed and that nothing can be done if the property owner decides to change parking strategies.

Dr. Habib stated that new standards should be developed to assist staff and developers when planning new parking lots, not just for vehicles but all forms of transportation.

The Committee agreed to have staff make a presentation to the Committee at the April 2015 meeting in regards to the planning and development of private parking lots.

#### **7.2.4 Discussion re: Crosswalks and Snow Clearance**

Ms. Daley expressed concerns, from an accessibility point of view, that snow removal still remains an issue. She stated that there are areas where snow is piled in the medians, crosswalks are obstructed with ice, the inability to see vehicles and pedestrians are unable to push the buttons to walk.

Mr. Koutroulakis responded that a winter works report will be coming within the next few months, which will review snow removal in crosswalks and sidewalks; he also noted that this issue is not a mandate of this Committee.

Ms. McGillicuddy noted that every situation is important and that all concerns should be taken into consideration. She expressed her thanks to HRM staff, on behalf of Halifax Regional School Board, for the excellent job they have done with schools during an exceptionally harsh winter.

**8. ADDED ITEMS – NONE**

**9. IN CAMERA – NONE**

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –April 23, 2015**

The next regular meeting of the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 in Halifax Hall, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Darcy Warren  
Legislative Support