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**Information Item No. 3**  
**Transportation Standing Committee**  
**January 22, 2015**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Janet Barlow, Chair of Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee

**DATE:** December 19, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Co-hosting a Crosswalk Safety Idea Café with DalTRAC

**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 27, 2014 meetings.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

The Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee is a reporting body to the Transportation Standing Committee.

Marking Our Communities Safety – Crosswalk Safety Work Plan approved by Regional Council March 4, 2014:

**Goal 2:** Evaluation and Data – Target Enforcement based on Data/Evidence (location, time of year, days...)

- *Improve data collection by developing partnerships among those already collecting data (HRP, Dal, RCMP, HRM Traffic, SNSMP, NSTIR, HRSB)*

**Goal 5:** Standards – Appropriate standards in place to reflect differences in local urban/suburban/rural areas

- *Develop a mechanism for more community input through this committee*

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee received a draft proposal from DalTRAC on co-hosting a Crosswalk Safety Idea Café in November 2014 at their November 6, 2014 meeting. A brief discussion was held but due to lack of quorum, members in attendance agreed that time constraints would not allow for hosting a café in November 2014. A suggestion was made to holding the café in February 2015 to coincide with the winter safety awareness week and would give the Committee and DalTRAC time to prepare for the event. It was also suggested that the café include a network of volunteers, a circle of support and the prioritization of ideas from participants who attend; which members supported.

The Committee again considered the DalTRAC proposal at their November 27, 2014 meeting with note

being made that the Idea Café would be a no cost event, with funding coming from Nova Scotia Moves. Topics of discussion would include engineering, enforcement, education and evaluations plans, as well as the Nova Scotia Collision Study. As well, the HRM staff and the Committee role would be as a 'knowledge dealer' (facilitator). The Committee passed a motion approving DalTRAC's proposal of co-hosting a Crosswalk Safety Idea Café in February 2015 with details to be confirmed through future planning with DalTRAC.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications in relation to this report.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) is made up of stakeholders whose meetings are open to the public. Agenda and minutes of CSAC are available on HRM's website.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Proposal from DalTRAC
2. Draft Presentation from DalTRAC

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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**Idea Cafe: Crosswalk Safety (Draft)**  
DalTRAC & Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee

**Date & Time:** Evening of November [4, 5, 18, 19, 25, or 26] 2014

**Location:** Exhibition Room, Dalhousie School of Planning

**Workshop description**

This workshop will facilitate interactive and lively conversations about crosswalk safety issues in Halifax. The main objective of the workshop is to disseminate our understanding of crosswalk safety issues and plans that currently exist in Halifax. Join the cafe-style dialogue with a 'knowledge dealer' (facilitator), drawn from the transportation planning and road safety community. The 'knowledge dealer' – by enabling the sharing of theories, stories, research, guidelines and ideas – will spark an initial conversation with you and several others on a key question or topical area that is related to our understanding of crosswalk safety in our community.

At single tables, up to (#) participants will sit together. After 20 minutes the participants will be asked to leave their tables, and to start new discussions at another table. Each participant will be able to engage in three conversations of their choice in the workshop session. After each 20-minute conversation, participants will be asked to write at least one emerging question or observation from the discussion on a post-it note, and to place it on a board designated for that table. The post-its will be further sorted and summarised by the facilitators, in anticipation of a concluding synthesis discussion.

From these conversations, a collective story will begin to emerge identifying the level of understanding of crosswalk safety in Halifax. It is expected that the workshop will establish a general level of understanding regarding crosswalk safety in Halifax, setting directions for future initiative focus areas.

**Responsibilities as a Knowledge Dealer (facilitator)**

- Take some time to prepare thoughts, questions and ideas before the workshop.
- For 60 minutes you will be hosting conversations at your table.
- Your table will be identified with a sign indicating a prominent topic area related to crosswalk safety.
- Each round will last for 20 minutes.
- You should have some knowledge of the dimension assigned to your table. Your role is to set the agenda, but also to encourage free thinking, the sharing of ideas, and to seek answers from the participants to questions that come up. You should attempt to answer all questions that arise during the sessions, to the best of your ability.
- After 20 minutes you will ask the participants to write a single phrase or sentence describing what they have learned from the session, and/or an idea they have for improving crosswalk safety.
- You will ask the participants to CHANGE TABLES ... you will then get a new group for another 20 minutes. These changes must take place at the same time, and a chief

facilitator will give a warning that the current conversations must stop after three more minutes before “ringing the bell”.

- Take notes and submit a brief memo, identifying major ideas and significant questions discussed in your table.

### **Responsibilities as a Participant**

- Feel free to initiate conversations, share ideas, and identify crosswalk safety issues.
- After 20 minutes of your conversation, write a single phrase or sentence describing an idea, or an observation about your table’s discussion, and post it on the designated board.
- Switch tables after each round.
- Engage in fun, inspiring and illuminating dialogue.

### **Topics for Discussion**

This workshop will identify broad themes for discussions at tables, allowing free thinking and the sharing of ideas about components of crosswalk safety and both the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and the Crosswalk Safety Work Plan which were approved by Council. Examples below are for reference purposes only (1 to 2 knowledge dealers per table).

#### **1) Engineering Plans: Standards & Traffic Control Measures**

Potential Knowledge Dealer(s): Halifax Traffic Group (Taso, Roddy)

#### **2) Enforcement Plans**

Potential Knowledge Dealer(s): Halifax Regional Police

#### **3) Education Plans: Awareness Campaign**

Potential Knowledge Dealer(s): CSAC Advisory Group, Halifax, Advocacy Groups

#### **4) Evaluation Plans**


Potential Knowledge Dealer(s): HRP, RCMP, Halifax Traffic Group, DalTRAC

#### **5) Nova Scotia Collision Study**


Potential Knowledge Dealer(s): DalTRAC

### **Workshop Outline**

- Welcome & Introductions (5 Minutes)
- Background Presentation by DalTRAC (20 Minutes)
- Discussion Rounds (3\* 20 Minutes)
- Transition between Rounds (2\* 5 Minutes)
- Summary & Conclusions (15 Minutes)
- \*Conversation to continue online



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## Crosswalk Safety Information Café (Draft)


Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

**Objective**

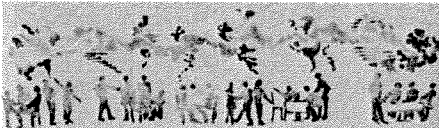


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- Share the recent Halifax Pedestrian Safety Action Plan & Crosswalk Safety Work Plan


**Outline**



- Welcome & Introduction
- Short Background Presentation
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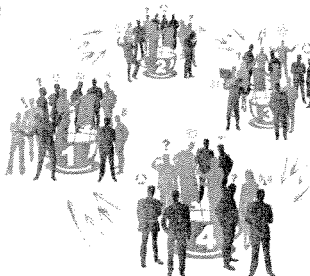


**Format**




**Information Café**

- 5 Tables
- 1-2 Knowledge Dealers/Table
- 3 Rounds of Discussion, 20 minutes each
- Highlight key discussion points on Post-It notes




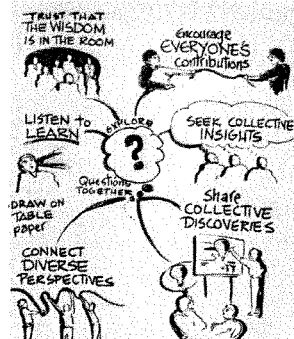
**Discussion Topics**




- Engineering Plans
  - Standards & Traffic Control Measures
- Enforcement Plans
- Education Plans
  - Awareness Campaign
- Evaluation Plans
- Nova Scotia Collision Study


**Outcome**








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### Format



#### Idea Café

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- 1-2 Knowledge Dealers/Table
- 3 Rounds of Discussion, 20 minutes each
- Highlight key discussion points on Post-It notes

