

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chair and Members of Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Community Crosswalk Program - Adopt a Crosswalk

As requested by the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee during the April 24th meeting, the following survey was sent out to my colleagues at Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) on May 2, 2014.

In 2013, pedestrian safety issues were at the forefront at Halifax Regional Council. One of the actions was to form the Crosswalk Safety Advisory Committee and of their mandates was to produce a work plan related to pedestrian safety initiatives for Council's consideration. During the work plan process, a suggestion was made to develop a citizen lead initiative such as an "adopt a crosswalk" program. The discussion was specifically around two different visions for what the citizen would do in this program. One idea was that the citizen would be involved in enforcement - perhaps, monitor the crosswalk area for a period of time and report plate numbers of cars that don't yield to pedestrians. The other idea was that the citizen would be involved in education - perhaps, be at the crosswalk during busy times and hand out pamphlets to pedestrians. The committee felt that they needed some sense of whether this type of program (either enforcement and/or education) had ever been tried anywhere in Canada. Before taking it any further, they proposed some research be done in other jurisdictions.

I'd appreciate it if you can take a few minutes to answer this brief survey.

1. Do you have a citizen "adopt a crosswalk" program?
2. If yes, is it involved in enforcement or education or both?
3. If enforcement, what does the citizen do?
4. If education, what does the citizen do?

I asked my colleagues to provide responses by Friday May 30th. So far, I have received 13 responses and none of the responding agencies have any type of an adopt a crosswalk program. Based on my previous experience with TAC surveys, the bulk of responses are typically received at the beginning with maybe one or two more near the survey deadline.

I trust the information as outlined above addresses your request. If additional responses are received I will advise the committee.