

- ATTENDANCE:** Sam Trask, HRM
Bri Benson, HRM
Sarah Rodger, HRM
Roddy MacIntyre, HRM
Michaelyn Thompson, HRM
Mike Connors, HRM
Kavita Khanna, HRCE
Lynden Morrison, RCMP
Erin Allison, HRM
Jill Morrison, HRM
- Jody DeBaie, HRM
Paula Amaral, HRM
David MacIsaac, HRM
Anne Sherwood, HRM
Nadine Romaine, NSHA
Brad Anguish, HRM
Greg Mason, HRP
Michael Croft, Province of Nova Scotia
Lucas Pitts, HRM
- REGRETS:** Paula Amaral, HRM
Kevin Dean, HRM

No.	Item	Discussion
1.	Approval of Minutes of the RSCC of September 21, 2022	The minutes were approved as circulated.
2.	<p>Road Safety Team</p> <p>2021/22 Annual Plan</p> <p>2022/23 Annual Plan</p> <p>Road Safety Project Updates</p>	<p>2022 Annual Plan was passed at Regional Council last month. Link will be posted on Road Safety website.</p> <p>Team will be starting to prepare the 2023 Annual Plan early in the new year. Members please be prepared to provide required stats. Will also be sharing annual stats during 2023/24 budget discussions in February.</p> <p>Left-turn traffic calming pilot was installed at five intersections in mid-October. Video has been recorded to enable MicroTraffic to complete a follow up evaluation on the effectiveness. The infrastructure will be removed before the first snowfall.</p> <p>Zebra crosswalks were installed at six signalized intersections. Also being evaluated with the MicroTraffic project. We've also been successful in receiving funding through the federal Active Transportation Fund (ATF) to conduct a separate research project on the effectiveness of this countermeasure in isolation. To be completed in 2023.</p> <p>As discussed in prior meetings, speed cushions have been installed on Robie Street. Speed data has been collected and there is an overall speed reduction between 4-8 km/h. Looking forward to getting more feedback after the first snowfall.</p>

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	<p>2022 Collision Stats Update</p> <p>Safe speeds</p>	<p>Speed display sign program is expanding and we will be installing 2 signs per district in addition to signs allocated for traffic calming purposes. Working with Councillors to identify new locations this winter.</p> <p>Discussed data collection options in place of speed display signs to make data available to police. Will remind officers of available information/procedures.</p> <p>Overall number of collisions in 2022 is trending towards a similar number of collisions as in 2021. We are however seeing significant reduction in fatal collisions in 2022, which is positive. Motorcycle collisions are up to 3 this year, compared to 1 last year. Overall pedestrian collisions are currently just slightly above 2021 levels in the same period, with only 3 additional. We are wanting to see lower number of pedestrian collisions, however glad that it is not a major increase.</p> <p>Presented graphic of pedestrian collision survival rates to reiterate the priority of reducing speeds. Starting to see some pushback with the amount of traffic calming that is being implemented, however reducing speed is critical for pedestrian and vulnerable user safety. HRM will be making another formal request to the provincial minister to grant the Traffic Authority the ability to set speed limits below 50 km/h. Noted that we are behind other North American cities in reducing speed limits. We need to figure out a way forward with the Province.</p> <p>For new residential roads, they can now be designed for 40 km/h and HRM can apply to the Province to post at 40 from the beginning.</p> <p>Question if we have looked at whether there is a change in the type or location of pedestrian collisions over the last year: no identified trends as of yet this year. Locations are spread throughout the region. Staff will be doing an in depth review at the end of the year. Question about pedestrian collisions in school zones, none that we are aware of. Will also review in more depth when looking at pedestrian collision trends.</p>

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<p>Action: Members are requested to be prepared to submit stats/info for 2023 annual report.</p>		
4.	<p>Police Update – HRP</p> <p>Police Update – RCMP</p>	<p>Update was given on enforcement stats in November. HRP are still working on the creation of a standard reporting template.</p> <p>Lynden left the meeting for another commitment.</p>
4.	<p>Corporate Communications</p>	<p>General update was given on the traffic on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Road Safety website, and associated webpages. Increase in reach compared to previous period. 29% increase in website traffic over the same period last year. Traffic peaks around promotion of the following 3 topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Raised crosswalks 2) Left Turn Traffic Calming Pilot 3) Halloween Safety <p>Looking into collaborating with Young Drivers on future messaging.</p> <p>Brad requested we do another content push for road users to increase their visibility during the dark months.</p> <p>Anne suggested we create more videos such as the Wyse Rd one to show how to use new infrastructure.</p> <p>Members to keep in mind how we can leverage communications for new infrastructure and major projects to include Road Safety messaging, such as Cogswell project.</p>
<p>Action: Sam/Comms to reach out to Cogswell team.</p>		
5.	<p>Member Highlight</p>	<p>Anne Sherwood, Transportation Design and Construction Services – Road Safety in daily work</p>

Action:		
6.	Other Member Update	<p>Michael Croft – NSPW Provincial Road Safety Advisory Committee – purpose is to exchange information, keep informed, provide advice to the provincial government. Not an advocacy group. Request for a new member from HRM Road Safety can be put forward to Mike. Latest focus has been on motorcycle safety, distraction, speed limits in school zones.</p> <p>Photo Enforcement update – Inaugural meeting with the Province and HRM regulatory priorities team. Process to follow to create regulations while reducing red tape. Will be setting project charter next. HRM will lead as we have the initial consultant study that identifies key components. Following the same process as e-scooter updates. Only responsible for recommending legislation, no guarantee that the Province/Minister would approve. Will still be dealing with the fact that the technology is still lacking and changes required are substantial. Will not be immediate change however everyone is now around the table to try to make it happen.</p> <p>Brad – Public Works Executive Director CAO put forward draft 2023/24 budget at an 8% increase in tax rate to maintain services but will be exploring options to reduce to a 4% increase. Discussed performance based towing contract with Police and how we will not be moving forward with it due to the budget cuts.</p> <p>Jill – Traffic Services Moving forward on many speed limit corridor reviews which will result in lower posted speed limits. Changes recently made to the Bedford South school drop off loop and feedback so far has been positive. Moving forward with restricting right turns on red at Portland/Eisener intersection.</p> <p>Mike – Transportation Planning 5 year anniversary of IMP. PR content will be released in the new year. Will try to incorporate road safety messaging. Designing new streets in the Port Wallace and Southdale areas, looking to accommodate lower speeds and increased safety. Broad St North roundabout to be constructed in 2023 before school opens in the Fall.</p>

		<p>Jody – Road Safety Rolling out more neighbourhood speed limit reductions. Total of 9 installed, exceeding goal of 7 for 2022. Working on new applications to the Province for next year. Finished construction on 4 raised crosswalks, and met with reps from Walk n’ Roll and CNIB to review for feedback. Will continue discussions and keep conversation open for future design changes. Traffic calming projects nearing end of season construction.</p>
<p>Action: Sam to connect with Mike about Provincial RSAC.</p>		
7.	Other Items	<p>Next 5-year iteration of Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starting to plan for the next iteration, what it will look like/consist of, etc. Open to ideas and suggestions in terms of what we should focus on. Will be including action items on protected turning movement report, another top 10 intersection list. - Shared draft timeline <p>External engagement – stakeholder committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at committee to meet twice per year. Will allow forum to guide decision making and to help explain what we are doing and why. Staff will be reaching out in the coming weeks to shape it.
<p>Action:</p>		
8.	Next Meeting	<p>March 2023, TBD</p> <p>Kavita volunteered to share road safety work at HRCE at next meeting. Brad suggested to invite another municipality to a future meeting to share their work.</p>
<p>Action: Paula to schedule 2023 meetings in the new year.</p>		