

- ATTENDANCE:

Sam Trask, HRM

Rob Hird, NSPW

Joy Emmanuel-Omoba, HRM

Steven Berkman, HRM

Cory Bushell, RCMP

Mike Connors, HRM

Kavita Khanna, HRCE

Brittney MacLean, HRM
- Sarah Rodger, HRM

Julia Mills, HRM

Erin Allison, HRM

Crysta Cumming, HRM

Brian Palmeter, HRP

Penelope Khun, NS Health

Hannah McBride, HRM

Bridget Cross, HRP
- REGRETS:

Roddy MacIntyre, HRM

Jill Morrison, HRM

David MacIsaac, HRM

Michaelyn Thompson, HRM
- Greg Robertson, HRP

Peter Andrews, HRM

Samantha Noseworthy, IWK

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| MEETING OPENING & AGENDA APPROVAL | <ul style="list-style-type: none">No objections to last meeting’s minutes.New agenda items were highlighted, but no additional suggestions were made. |
| MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AND UPDATES | <p>Road Safety Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Data is still being updated however current stats indicate an increase in overall collisions in 2024 compared to 2023. Potentially slight decrease in injury collisions.Early trend shows a rise in fatal collisions in 2025, with pedestrian fatalities being the primary concern. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pedestrian Safety Concerns<ul style="list-style-type: none">Police report an increase in pedestrians being distracted (e.g., wearing headphones, using phones)Some recent pedestrian collisions have been due to pedestrians crossing unsafely. Concerns about potentially increasing risky behaviour (ie. pedestrians crossing without waiting for vehicles to stop).Transit-Related Collisions<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion on potential transit messaging to educate users on safe boarding practices.Crosswalk & Traffic Signage Enhancements<ul style="list-style-type: none">Questions raised about bright blue painted crosswalks and LED-lit stop signs.Current city standards follow national and provincial transportation guidelines (TAC). |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Education on Road Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to integrate some pedestrian safety messaging into school education. ○ Potential collaboration with health promoters in schools to reach students. • Public Messaging & Perception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on past public critiques regarding pedestrian safety messaging. ○ Need to create messages that offer positive safety education without putting blame on vulnerable road users. <p>Next Steps / Action Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow-up Meeting with Corporate Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RS & CC: Discuss public messaging on pedestrian fatalities and distracted behavior. 2. Transit Communication on Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transit: Reinforce the message that once a bus departs, it won't stop again; safe boarding practices. 3. Youth Safety Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explore integrating road safety messaging into school programs. Road Safety team to review potential stats to include. RS to reach out to Kavita & Penelope. |
| | <p>2025/26 Projects, Programs, Campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sam shared the HRM draft capital plan for Road Safety Improvements. Noted additional items such as continuation of ongoing programs, public road safety survey, etc. ○ NSPW: Several highway construction projects have recently concluded, with new ones starting in the five-year plan. Focus is on road safety data improvement, particularly identifying high-collision areas. Traffic collision analyst position is vacant; hiring is underway. Currently, no database upgrades planned, but closely monitoring prediction models being developed externally (HRM). ○ Discussion around data quality challenges: Data quality varies due to differences in how police officers report MVCs. Need to improve standardization across police reports. ○ Traffic Safety Act updates are progressing. No timeline available. |

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| | <p>Police Updates</p> <p>Amendment to Form 58A for Additional Vehicle Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No discussions yet, but Bridget has been reviewing potential changes to Form 58A. Consideration for e-scooters and micro-mobility devices inclusion in reporting. • Issues raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current reporting requirements lead to unnecessary police workload. ○ \$2,000 damage limit may be outdated due to increased vehicle repair costs. Some provinces (Alberta, Ontario) have already raised their limit to \$5,000. • Next Steps: Bridget to explore official direction on micro-mobility data inclusion. <p>Online Reporting & ACC Support Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New accident reporting system (ACC Support) being piloted in Charlottetown & Cape Breton (funded by insurance companies). Key features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mobile app for self-reporting accidents (photo submission, insurance info). ○ In-person reporting centers where specialists assist with documentation. ○ Data is automatically sent to police, insurance companies, and the province. ○ Goal: Reduce police workload and improve data consistency. • Presentation on April 22 to discuss feasibility. • Next Steps: Bridget to send invitations for the presentation. <p>Data Tracking for Micro-Mobility Collisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, some reports indicate e-scooter involvement in the comments field, but it's not standardized. • Proposal for separate tracking system for non-motor vehicle collisions. • Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridget to track scooter-related incidents and share with the team. ○ Explore use of GO reports for these related incidents. |

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| | HRP Campaign for Signalized Intersections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for education & awareness campaign on intersection behavior.• Upcoming initiative with Haligonian for educational content & live Q&A• Next Steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Finalize campaign details by April.○ Engage public with live Q&A sessions on traffic safety. |
| | Corporate Communications Road Safety Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A contract was initiated with an external consultant to conduct a Resident Road Safety Survey, with invitations planned to go out in early May and results expected by mid-to-late July. |
| | Transit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q4 data shows an increase in kilometers between collisions, indicating an improvement.• Preventable vs. non-preventable collision trends were reviewed, with proactive measures such as operator notifications to mitigate incidents.• Discussion on bus stop safety issues and lack of comprehensive data on pedestrian-vehicle incidents at bus stops.• Next Steps / Action Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Road Safety to review for pedestrian collisions at transit stops. Will provide information to Transit to support infrastructure prioritization. |
| | Municipal Design Guidelines & Road Safety Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing updates to municipal design guidelines to improve accessibility, with a draft currently under review by legal and technical teams. Crysta to provide overview of changes once approved.• Plan to establish an annual review cycle for minor updates and a five-year cycle for larger infrastructure considerations in sync with the regional plan.• Road Safety Steering Committee will play a role in identifying and tracking design issues for future updates. |

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| | <p>Design checklists: review of design checklists to ensure road safety considerations are comprehensive and up to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposal for a collaborative review between road safety and design teams at key project milestones.• Next Steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Initial meeting to set context and discuss potential checklist improvements. |
| DISCUSSION | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Items on the agenda that were not discussed would be carried forward and discussed in the next meeting. |
| Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting is in June. |