

ATTENDANCE: Taso Koutroulakis, HRM
Sam Trask, HRM
Jill Morrison, HRM
Anne Sherwood, HRM
Tanya Davis, HRM
David Maclsaac, HRM
Samantha Noseworthy, Capital Health
Dal Hutchinson, RCMP

Jody DeBaie, HRM
Paula Amaral, HRM
Roddy MacIntyre, HRM
Breton Murphy, HRM
Neera Ritcey, HRP
Sandra Newton, Capital Health
Michael Croft, Province of Nova Scotia
Larry Roberge, HRP

REGRETS: Brad Anguish, HRM
Dean Simmonds, HRP

Jacob Ritchie, HRCE
Sean Auld, RCMP

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| 1. | Welcome & Introduction | Taso Koutroulakis welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He noted that the report would be going to Transportation Standing Committee this Thursday, September 17 th . |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes of the RSCC of March 11, 2020 | The minutes were approved as presented and it was noted that they will be posted on the dashboard. It was suggested that moving forward the attending committee members be identified as to which organization they belong to. |
| Action Item: Paula will reflect this change in future minutes. | | |
| 3. | Review RSCC Terms of Reference and committee member responsibilities | Terms of reference were reviewed and it was agreed that where this is a quarterly meeting, having a sub-committee meet on specific items and then reporting back to this larger body would be more appropriate. |
| Action Item: Jill Morrison will review the wording on “subject matter expert” and clarify in #7 within the Terms of Reference and will also identify a revision date. Jill Morrison will meet with Breton Murphy to discuss a possible sub-committee moving forward prior to the next education campaign topic. | | |
| 4. | Strategic Road Safety Framework Annual Report 2020 | Jill noted that the report was presented to Regional Council on September 1 st and was being presented to Transportation Standing Committee on September 17 th along with 4 other related Traffic reports. It was noted that the timing of the report poses challenges when presenting a target number of countermeasures. Construction issues, delays, etc. sometimes result in not all planned targets being met. Reporting on measures which are completed is more accurate, than estimating targets. |
| Action Item: Taso will be discussing with Brad on reporting timeframes (plan verses reporting). | | |

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| 5. | Road safety website and dashboard update | <p>Jill presented and spoke to the Safety Website and dashboard. Phase 1 is completed. Jill provides data to update the dashboard manually. Currently updated bi-weekly. There continues to be work on the dashboard with ICT as it is an evolving process so that we provide transparency in terms of the data; and data-based decisions. Breton congratulated Jill on spear heading and getting the website to where it is today.</p> <p>Breton gave an overview on the “Heads Up Halifax Campaign”. This campaign has moved from being a few months to all year long.</p> <p>Taso noted that our campaign will focus on the 7 emphasis areas using data to drive the education messaging where possible</p> |
| 6. | Collision database (Open Data source) | <p>Dal Hutchinson noted that due to Covid, data will not be reflective of regularly collected data.</p> <p>It was noted that the data is in pretty good shape but not perfect. We will be advising Council that we are 95% but still working on improving it. ICT is investigating identified deficiencies.</p> <p>10 locations were identified for MicroTraffic analysis as an added piece of data to guide decision-making. Micro Traffic is fairly new to the market. It uses proprietary video software to analyze near misses. Since collision data is based solely on reported collisions and doesn’t always provide the detailed contributing factors of all collisions; some safety issues could be overlooked. The 10 locations were identified based on their frequency of injury collisions.</p> <p>Advocates have received data from the Province which does not match the data presented in the report. They also regularly request data from Police and rely heavily on the HRP pedestrian collision reports. A self-service option through open data is being explored to be more responsive to data requests. This could minimize the need for Police to provide monthly reports. Further discussions will occur over the next 1-2 months.</p> |
| 7. | Data-Driven approach: 2020 data trends | <p>Jill noted that HRM doesn’t have a data collection program this year due to budget constraints due to Covid. Evaluation</p> |

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| | | <p>of certain measures is on hold. Collision data analysis will guide the action items for 2021.</p> <p>Anything in Provincial jurisdiction would go to Michael Croft's office.</p> <p>Committee members noted that where we are doing improvements outside of the Road Safety budget, but which also support the road safety goals these projects don't necessarily align with the data in the same way the road safety projects do. These projects are still aligned with the emphasis areas and will have an impact on safety, as well as mobility.</p> <p>Jody raised a concern that when responding to a request for Traffic Calming, Traffic Management occasionally suggests that residents contact police directly to request enforcement. This process may need adjusting in the future.</p> |
| <p>Action Item: Jill will set up sub-committee meetings and have the collision database analysis of frequency and trends within the emphasis areas.</p> | | |
| 8. | <p>Speed Display Signs – Current strategic locations; criteria to assess future requests</p> | <p>Six out of 10 speed display signs have been put in place. Only 4 of the targeted 10 remaining. Two locations came out of traffic calming. Montebello Drive and Shore Road. The others were based on the strategic location criteria.</p> <p>Now getting requests from councilors for more signs. We need to continue being strategic with placement. Sign placement will be assessed based on our criteria and not complaint based.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Red Book</p> | <p>Anne noted that they are in the process of making edits to Part A and targeting October in sending to all internal stakeholders. The soonest to external stakeholders would be November. Anyone not on the list and would like to get a copy, please send your name to Anne Sherwood and she will pass along your name to the Red Book Project Manager.</p> |
| <p>New Agenda Item</p> | | |
| 10. | <p>Bicycling Safety</p> | <p>Dave mentioned that his group had worked with the Ecology Action Centre and created some videos on bicycling safety.</p> |
| <p>Action Item: Dave will send the videos out to the committee</p> | | |

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.