## City of Mississauga

## **Minutes**



### **Road Safety Committee**

Date: February 23, 2021

Time: 9:34 AM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present Councillor Stephen Dasko Ward 1

Councillor Karen Ras Ward 2

Councillor Pat Saito Ward 9 (Chair)

Tony Power Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

Anna Phillips Citizen Member
Anne Marie Hayes Citizen Member
James Fan Citizen Member
Sunil Sharma Citizen Member
Trevor Howard Citizen Member

Suzanne Doyle (Mississauga Cycling Advisory

Committee Representative)

Mark Jablonski Citizen Member

Members Absent Trevor Howard Citizen Member

Sushil Kumra (Traffic Safety Council

Representative)

Staff / Agency Representatives Present

Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety, Traffic Management

William Wright, Road Safety Technologist, Traffic Management

Catherine Nguyen-Pham, Communications Coordinator

Karen Flores, Supervisor, Department Communications

Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero

Sgt. Paul Dhillon, Peel Regional Police

Constable Donna Maurice, Peel Regional Police

Constable Claudia Wells, Peel Regional Police

Inspector Peter Danos, Peel Regional Police

Seema Ansari, Technical Analyst, Traffic Safety, Region of Peel Staff

Melissa Brabant, Regional Marketing Planner, Ministry of Transportation

Michael Stewart, Community Relations Specialist, CAA

Donald Clipperton, President, Mississauga Insurance Brokers Association

Angela Partynski, Technical Analyst, Environmental Education

William Toy, Supervisor, Traffic Safety, Region of Peel

Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 9:34 AM
- 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>

Approved (Councillor K. Ras)

- 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST Nil
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1 Road Safety Committee Draft Minutes January 26, 2021

Seema Ansari, Technical Analyst, Traffic Safety, Region of Peel Staff, was not reflected on the Minutes as having attended the meeting January 26, 2021.

Approved as amended (A. Phillips)

- 5. PRESENTATIONS Nil
- 6. <u>DEPUTATIONS</u> Nil
- 7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD 15 Minute Limit

That Public Question Period was moved to the end of the meeting to allow members of the public the opportunity to listen to the presentation listed as Item 9.4., Quiet Streets before asking their question.

Approved (Councillor K. Ras)

Jonathan Giggs, Resident, inquired on why barriers were vandalized and/or stolen and the locations in where it happened.

Councillor Ras commented on the feedback she received from her community noting that some barriers were moved by some motorist who believed their wasn't enough space between the barriers and that their vehicle would be damaged; some residents did not want the barriers in front of their homes, and the perception that this area would be a gated community.

Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety, echoed Councillor Ras' comments; and added that support of the project was mixed; and that there wasn't one specific reason why the barriers were moved around, other than the barriers were light weight and easy to move. Mr. Patterson noted that moving forward they would use a more substantial material and type of equipment, and further, that they would recognize the needs and wants of the community before installing the barriers.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Nil

#### 9. <u>MATTERS CONSIDERED</u>

9.1 <u>Email dated January 27, 2021 from John Walmark, Citizen Member with respect to his resignation from the Road Safety Committee</u>

#### RECOMMENDATION RSC-0002-2021

Moved By Councillor S. Dasko

- 1. That the email dated January 27, 2021 from John Walmark, Citizen Member with respect to his resignation from the Road Safety Committee be received.
- 2. That due to the resignation of John Walmark, Citizen Member, a vacancy exists on the Road Safety Committee, and that the City Clerk be directed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Corporate Policy #02-01-01 on Citizen Appointments to Committees, Boards and Authorities.

#### <u>Approved</u>

#### 9.2 Vision Zero Update (Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero)

Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting Vision Zero's Education and Action Plans, other Municipality's Action Plans and Strategies and next steps. Ms. Warsh encouraged Member's to share comments and suggestions and further noted that there will be a further Vision Zero update at a future Road Safety Committee meeting.

Councillor Ras commented on the need to apply continuity and implement what makes sense with Vision Zero strategies.

Councillor Saito commented on the past Council Resolution that approved Vision Zero, noting that the intention was to have all travel/transportation projects apply Vision Zero principles. Councillor Saito suggested that Road Safety Committee put forward a recommendation requesting that the Leadership Team ensure that City's planning initiatives are implemented with the Vision Zero Lens.

Sunil Sharma, Citizen Member commented on the accountability and commitment of the Departments to apply the Vision Zero lens to future initiatives.

Councillor Saito advised that she, along with Councillors Ras and Dasko would speak to this matter at Council, reiterating the importance of the City's commitment to applying Vision Zero to all City initiatives.

Councillor Saito noted that at a recent meeting of the Peel's Community Safety and Wellbeing Program's Leadership Team, she requested that the Chair and Co-Chair address how Vision Zero can be a separate table and involving staff from the Region and Municipalities to collaborate on incorporating Vision Zero into the Community Safety and Wellbeing Program. Councillor Saito noted that she will bring up this matter again at the Senior Leader meeting.

Inspector Peter Danos, Peel Regional Police noted that the Community Safety and Wellbeing Program was established to address issues of domestic violence, poverty, and discrimination; however, he noted that there is also a need to incorporate traffic issues that exist in the Region of Peel, and that Vision Zero be incorporated into the framework.

#### **RECOMMENDATION RSC-0003-2021**

Moved By Councillor K. Ras

- 1. That the Vision Zero Update presentation by Erica Warsh, Project Leader, Vision Zero, be received.
- 2. That the Road Safety Committee requests that the Leadership Team ensure that all City planning initiatives are implemented with the Vision Zero lens.

#### **Approved**

#### 9.3 Road Watch Statistics Update (provided by Sergeant Paul Dhillon, Peel Regional Police)

Sgt. Paul Dhillon, provided background on the establishment of the Road Watch Program and how it has evolved, and described the changes to the data and criteria that is now applied.

Sgt. Dhillon introduced Constable Claudia Wells, who was very instrumental in recreating the program. Constable Wells shared recent road and cross intersection information and named the top complaints received and the type of violations in the City of Mississauga.

Councillor Dasko noted that Ward 1 tends to experience higher volume of complaints of speed and other dangerous driving violations in the summer and mostly in the evenings. Inspector Peter Danos reported that although there are many violations in all parts of the City, data suggests higher risk and more serious violations/collisions/fatalities tend to be in the north part of the City.

Committee Members spoke in support of the return of the Road Watch Program and engaged in discussion and enquired about, marketing plans, including creating an APP., data availability on the website and/or via newsletters to educate and inform the public, and approach on dealing with frivolous complaints. Sgt. Dhillon responded noting that there will be a spring social media campaign for the relaunch of the Take the Pledge Campaign that will recognize the Road Watch Program, and further noted that complaints are vetted more efficiently and that staff reach out to those who make frivolous complaints to educate them.

Melissa Brabant, Regional Marketing Planner, Ministry of Transportation, noted that more public awareness of the program and how to report complaints is needed, and provided information regarding an App developed by the Road watch Committee of the City of Richmond Hill through partnership with students from George Brown College, and advised that she would invite the Citizen Member of that Committee to attend a future Road Safety Committee meeting to explain the App. Councillor Saito suggested that Ms. Brabant reach out to Sgt Dhillon and Constable Wells of the Peel Regional Police regarding this matter and report back to a future Road Safety Committee meeting.

Councillor Saito provided background on the launch of Road Watch in Caledon and the City of Mississauga, and would like to see the Road Watch program promoted, and referred this matter to the Road Safety Promotional Subcommittee.

#### RECOMMENDATION RSC-0004-2021

Moved By J. Fan

That verbal update by Sgt. Paul Dhillon, Peel Regional Police with respect to the Road Watch Statistics Program be received.

#### Received

#### 9.4 Quiet Streets (presentation by Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety)

Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety, provided an overview of the Quiet Streets Program and spoke to the process, deployment, equipment options/features, results and next steps.

Councillor Dasko commented on the community feedback he received and suggested alternative program names and the type equipment options.

In response to Councillor Saito's inquiry regarding why there was no webpage content of the project, Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety noted that the duration of the program was not known at time but that there was some social media and news release to raise awareness; however, there was no website content. Mr. Patterson noted that moving forward that there will be communication materials and web content to direct the public to the information.

#### RECOMMENDATION RSC-0005-2021

Moved By Councillor S. Dasko

That the PowerPoint presentation by Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety, with respect to Quiet Streets be received.

#### Received

# 9.5 <u>Neighbourhood Area Speed Limit Project Update (provided by Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety</u>

Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety, provided an overview of the Neighbourhood Area Speed Limit project (NASL), highlighting the establishment of the team to undertake the review and implementation of neighbourhoods to include in the speed limit area, administrative amendments to by-laws, project timelines, progress, strategic communications plan, and next steps.

In response to Inspector Danos' inquiry regarding public access to the mapping feature, Colin Patterson, Supervisor Road Safety noted that the content is available and would forward the link to Inspector Danos.

Councillor Dasko, recommended that the digital overhead railways signs (VHO) be utilized to display messaging about the project.

Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety noted that there are a couple of stages in the communications plan and that some messaging may have already been displayed, and further noted that messaging would continue throughout different time periods.

In response to Sunil Sharma's inquiry regarding the rules of displaying intermittent signs on long roadways, Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety advised that staff would review displaying a sign intermittently along a road if it was deemed necessary, and further noted that signs are posted when entering and exiting speed limit areas.

#### **RECOMMENDATION RSC-0006-2021**

Moved By Councillor S. Dasko

That the PowerPoint presentation by Colin Patterson, Supervisor, Road Safety with respect to Neighbourhood Area Speed Limit Project be received.

#### Received

#### 9.6 Walk to School Program Update

Councillor Saito noted that the there is an upcoming meeting on March 4, 2021 between the Members of the Road Safety Promotional Subcommittee and the Traffic Safety Council to discuss the joint initiative and there will be an update at the next Road Safety Committee meeting.

#### 10. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 10.1 <u>Citizen Member Updates - Nil</u>

#### 10.2 Road Safety Promotional Subcommittee Draft Minutes – January 26, 2021

Councillor Saito noted that Anna Phillips and Anne Marie Hayes are Co-Chairs of the Road Safety Promotional Subcommittee and that it is not reflected correctly in the Minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting.

Received as amended (A. Phillips)

#### 11. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Saito noted that there will be a staff presentation regarding the Integrated Roads project at the next Road Safety Committee meeting.

#### 12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - March 30, 2021

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT - 11:29 AM (Councillor K. Ras)