



MINUTES

SAFE DRIVING COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 - 9:08 AM

COMMITTEE ROOM A, 2ND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

PRESENT: Jim Harries, Citizen Member (Chair)
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden, Ward 10
Elizabeth Huber, Citizen Member
Mubina Rahim, Citizen Member
S/Sgt. Todd Ruston, Peel Regional Police, Traffic Services
Salima Jandu, R.N., B.Sc.N, Peel Health Unit
S/Sgt. A.M. (André) Phelps, OPP Port Credit
Seema Ansari, Technical Analyst, Traffic, Region of Peel
George Smagala, Trainer, Transportation Health & Safety Assoc. Ontario
Andy Bate, Supervisor, Traffic Operations
Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations
Colin Patterson, Coordinator, Integrated Road Safety Program
Sheena Rodda, Manager, Parking Enforcement
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

ABSENT: Alan Jones, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)

GUESTS: Ken Wilden, Director, DriveWise

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NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:08am

Chairman Jim Harries called the meeting to order and advised that Alan Jones and Don Clipperton had extended regrets for attending.

INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - NilMINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- January 27, 2009

Councillor Sue McFadden moved adoption of the Minutes as presented. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Adopted as Presented
MG.11.Safe Driving

DEPUTATIONS - NilMATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Business Arising / Information Items out of previous meetings

1. Safest Lane to Drive - Multi-Lane Highways

Further to the discussion by Safe Driving Committee at its meeting on January 28, 2009, resulting in Committee's Recommendation SDC-0010-2009, Public Health Nurse Salima Jandu contacted the writers of the Body Bulletin to relay Committee's concern with the information about driving lanes.

SDC-0009-2009

That staff be directed to advise the Region of Peel and the Canada Safety Council respectively, about the comments raised at the Safe Driving Committee meeting on January 27, 2009 during its consideration of the article titled "Avoiding Car Wrecks" in the February 2009 issue of the Body Bulletin Canada publication, regarding which lane on multi-lane highways is the safest for vehicle operation.

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(SDC-0009-2009)

As a result Ms. Jandu subsequently referred by the editor of the Body Bulletin publication to the article dated August 20, 2008 from the USA National Safety Commission Alerts titled "Following Distance and Lane Choice Affect Rear End Collisions". A copy was provided for information of Committee.

Public Health Nurse Salima Jandu explained that she was still waiting for response to her enquiry to the Canada Safety Council.

Coordinator of the Integrated Road Safety Program Colin Patterson of the Traffic Operations and Engineering section in the Transportation and Works Department spoke to the article provided with the agenda for this meeting, noting that the referenced study was out of review for the causes of rear end collisions done by the United States Department of Transportation.

Councillor Pat Saito questioned the guest attendee Mr. Wilden of DriveWise about what is taught through the DriveWise driver education courses, as to which driving lane on multi-lane roadways is the safest. Mr. Wilden advised that he previously instructed for Young Drivers of Canada and that the instruction to student drivers is to use the lane of 'least resistance'. Further, Mr. Wilden noted that this is based on the ideology that the right driving lane would have the most interruption to travel due to pedestrian and vehicle access/egress activities.

Subsequently, Councillor Pat Saito moved that the copy of the article dated August 20, 2008 from the USA National Safety Commission Alerts titled "Following Distance and Lane Choice Affect Rear End Collisions" provided to Safe Driving Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2009 for additional information related to the discussion about the February 2009 issue of the Body Bulletin Canada quiz indicating the middle lane on multi-lane highways is the safest for vehicle operation (SDC-0009-2009), be received for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Saito)

Recommendation SDC-0011-2009

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2. Reports from the Sub-Committees / Review or Project Team Meetings

1. Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee – January 27, 2009

The Report of the Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee meeting held on January 27, 2009 was provided for receipt for information, and consideration of the ASC Steering Committee's recommendation ASC-0001-2009.

(2.) (1.)

Councillor Pat Saito moved that the report of the Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee held on January 27, 2009, be received for information.

Received for Information (Councillor Pat Saito)
Recommendation SDC-0012-2009
RT.10.Automated Speed Compliance

Recommendation ASC-0001-2009

That the name of the proposed program for using automated cameras for enforcement of traffic speed be re-named the 'Automated Speed Camera' (ASC) program.

Councillor Sue McFadden moved approval of the recommendation to re-name the subject project to be the 'Automated Speed Camera (ASC)' program. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Councillor Sue McFadden)
Recommendation SDC-0013-2009 (ASC-0001-2009)
RT.10.Automated Speed

2. Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee – February 17, 2009

The Report of the Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee meeting held on February 17, 2009 was provided for receipt for information, and consideration of the ASC Steering Committee's recommendations ASC-0002-2009 through ASC-0004-2009.

Also, a Memorandum dated February 18, 2009 from Andy Harvey, Manager of Traffic Engineering and Operations presented the Automated Speed Camera – Business Case for Safe Driving Committee's endorsement sought in Recommendation ASC-0002-2009:

Councillor Pat Saito initiated discussion, questioning the timing proposed for submitting the subject business case to the Province and opined that the Corporate Report being prepared by staff to present this matter to Council for its approval, needs to seek clear direction of Council to the Mayor to present this matter to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministers of the ministries involved with traffic regulation and the provincial offences court system.

(2.) (1.)

Further, Councillor Saito suggested that the business case document be prepared in an Arial font to provide easy read ability. Chairman Jim Harries advised his concurrence with this request, and staff took noted of this direction.

As well, Councillor Saito opined that the Corporate Report to Council should also include information about the Region of Halton's 'Speed-I' program, and that the Report of the Automated Speed Camera (ASC) Steering Committee from its meeting on February 17, 2009 be amended to include information about the United States' Department of Transportation (DOT) study, and to clarify the source of the opinions expressed on the 'blog site' hosted on the Canadian Automobile Sports Club (CASC) Ontario Region provided by Andy Harvey at that meeting.

During further discussion Mr. Harvey advised that the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) statistics indicate that operating speed is one of the factors for many vehicle collisions, during which George Smagala, Trainer with the Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario, noted that road conditions such as inclement weather, can change the speed at which safe vehicle operation is viable.

Councillor Pat Saito referenced the IBI Group report where it indicates percentages of traffic operating speeds on local roads, to which Mr. Harvey advised that Mississauga has done sampling of vehicle operating speeds on local roadways. Councillor Pat Saito stressed that the proposed ASC program is meant to be a safety measure toward preventing vehicle collisions.

Later discussion by Councillor Saito and Chairman Jim Harries spoke to the need to ensure that Mayor McCallion has statistical data available when she meets with the Provincial Premier and Ministers. Mr. Harvey referenced the collision report forms offered by Police do not always provide a place to note the rate of speed involved at the time of the collision. Mr. Smagala opined that an operating speed at thirty (30) km/hr over the posted speed limit when a pedestrian by vehicle collision occurs would result in a fatality.

Chairman Jim Harries and Councillor Pat Saito discussed the need to have the City's Communications division prepare information to use when the Press is interviewing Mayor McCallion about the proposed ASC program.

Subsequently, Committee directed that Councillors Pat Saito and Sue McFadden and Andy Harvey being the Chairman of the ASC Steering Committee and Manager of Traffic Engineering and Operations, meet with Mayor McCallion to brief her on the subject proposal prior to the Council meeting on March 11, 2009.

(2.) (2.)

Subsequently, Councillor Pat Saito moved that the Report of the Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee meeting held on February 17, 2009 be received for information, as amended on pages -3- and -4- by adding the following information to clarify the source of the opinions expressed on the 'blog site' hosted on the Canadian Automobile Sports Club (CASC) Ontario Region web site which speak to the report titled "Speeding and Highway Safety: The U.S. Department of Transportation's Policy and Implementation Strategy" dated February 1997 printed from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's web site; and that Recommendations ASC-0002-2009 through ASC-0004-2009 therein be considered separately. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved as Amended (Councillor Pat Saito)
Recommendation SDC-0014-2009
RT.10.Automated Speed Compliance

Recommendation ASC-0002-2009

That the business case documentation developed for submission to the Province of Ontario to seek its permission to implement electronic traffic speed enforcement on roadways in the City of Mississauga through the proposed Automated Speed Camera program, be endorsed and reported to Council for approval.

Subsequently, Citizen Member Elizabeth Huber moved approval of Recommendation ASC-0002-2009. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Approved (Citizen Member Elizabeth Huber)
Recommendation SDC-0015-2009 (ASC-0002-2009)
RT.10.Automated Speed Compliance

Recommendation ASC-0003-2009

That the information regarding the Region of Halton Speed-I program provided by S/Sgt. Todd Ruston to the Automated Speed Compliance Steering Committee meeting on February 17, 2009, be received for information.

Citizen Member Elizabeth Huber moved approval of Recommendation ASC-0003-2009. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Recommend Receipt

Recommendation SDC-0016-2009 (ASC-0003-2009)
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(2.) (2.)

Recommendation ASC-0004-2009

That the following items distributed at this meeting be received for information:

1. A copy of the article titled "US DOT Report Confirms Speed Not Major Accident Cause" from the Canadian Automobile Sports Club Ontario Region web site.
2. A copy of the document titled "Speeding and Highway Safety: The U.S. Department of Transportation's Policy and Implementation Strategy" dated February 1997 printed from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's web site.
3. Copy of the article dated February 13, 2009 titled "Red-light camera plan stalls".
4. Copy of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration "Speed Enforcement Camera Systems Operational Guidelines".

Councillor Sue McFadden moved approval of Recommendation ASC-0004-2009. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation SDC-0017-2009 (ASC-0004-2009)
MG.28.Information Items

3. New Business

1. 2009 Activity Plan and Budget

A chart of activities and allocation of the Safe Driving Committee's budget for the year 2009 was presented for Committee's consideration and direction.

Committee discussed including an allocation for funding Members of this Committee to attend the Ontario Traffic Conference to present the proposed Automated Speed Camera project, and possibly other seminars in the year, as well as reviewing the need for any allocation of funds for the existing programs and outreach events. Subsequently, Citizen Member Elizabeth Huber moved that the draft chart of activities and allocation of the Safe Driving Committee's budget for the year 2009 presented at its February 24, 2009 meeting be referred back to the Legislative Coordinator for revision and report back to the next meeting (March 31, 2009). The motion was voted upon and carried.

Referred Back to Staff (Elizabeth Huber)

Recommendation SDC-0018-2009
MG.28 (FA.19)

4. Information Items

Councillor Sue McFadden moved that the following items presented to the Safe Driving Committee at its meeting on February 24, 2009, be received for information:

1. A copy of the OTC Radar newsletter of 1 February 2009 containing the following articles:
 - 5th Annual Transportation Planning Workshop – April 24
 - Police Traffic Supervisors Course – April 20-24
 - OTC Annual Conference & AGM – June 8 & 9
 - Tech. Traffic Operations Course
 - 2009 Federal Budget – New \$4B Infrastructure Stimulus Fund
2. A copy of the email dated February 28, 2009 from Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator for the Safe Driving Committee advising Council's adoption of Recommendations SDC-0001-2009 through SDC-0010-2009.
3. Mississauga ROAD WATCH program statistics for January 2009.
4. Copy of the letter dated February 20, 2009 from Commissioner of Transportation and Works Martin Powell to the Provincial Standing Committee on General Government submitting Mississauga Council's comments regarding Bills 118 and 126, in regard to road safety issues.

Received for Information
Recommendation SDC-0019-2009
MG.28.Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Review for Outreach and Education to Increase ROAD WATCH Activity

Committee reviewed the recent ROAD WATCH program statistics and directed that staff review and report back with suggestions for ways to encourage participation with this program.

Directive
RT.10.ROAD WATCH

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- Pedestrian Safety Strategy Review Team – 9:30am – 13 March 2009
- Regular Meeting of the Safe Driving Committee – 9:00am – 31 March 2009

ADJOURNMENT – 10:31am

REPORT 2-2009

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Safe Driving Committee presents its second report of 2009, and recommends:

SDC-0011-2009

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SDC-0012-2009

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(SDC-0014-2009)

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