



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period October 1-31, 2021

Road safety advisory committee presents recommendations, proposed changes to bylaw

October 02, 2021, Harvard Media (SPRUCE GROVE, ALBERTA)

The Spruce Grove Community Road Safety Advisory Committee came before council to provide an update and present several recommendations, at a regular council meeting, Sept. 27.

The committee presented their annual work plan to council earlier this year, in February, and since that time have identified several recommendations to provide to council for consideration.

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SGL's October Traffic safety Spotlight focusing on distracted driving

October 04, 2021, Harvard Media (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

SGL's October traffic safety focus is on distracted driving.

Spokesperson Tyler McMurphy, says an average of 877 people have been injured each year in collisions caused by driver distraction and inattention on Saskatchewan roads.

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3½ years after devastating Humboldt Broncos crash, licensing for truck drivers in B.C. is changing

October 05, 2021, CBC News (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

Mandatory Entry Level Training, requiring at least 140 hours instruction, becomes mandatory in B.C. on Oct. 18.

B.C.'s new training system for semi-trailer drivers requires 140 hours of mandatory training teaching basic knowledge and driving skills to safely operate in the province's mountain highways and diverse weather.

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B.C. drivers unaware of risks while driving for work: survey

October 06, 2021, Vernon Morning Star (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

Road Safety at Work found 84 per cent of respondents believe crashes are unavoidable.

Every day, an estimated 2.5 million British Columbians head to work and for many of them, driving is a part of their daily duties. Despite that, a new survey conducted by Road Safety at Work — a WorkSafeBC initiative — found that most people who drive as part of their job have misconceptions about motor vehicle crashes.

According to the survey, 84 per cent of respondents believe that motor vehicle crashes cannot be avoided, but that's not true.

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“40 Is The New 50” As City Reduces Speed Limit In Some Areas

October 06, 2021, Kawartha 411 (KAWARTHA LAKES, ONTARIO)

The municipality has launched a Community Area Speed Limit project called “40 is the new 50”.

Officials say it is to help improve motorist, cyclist and pedestrian safety on roads. The project came forward as a result of changes to the Highway Traffic Act which give Council new options in managing and creating speed zones on municipal roads.

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'Very concerning numbers' Is Burnaby doing enough to keep city safe from unsafe trucks?

October 09, 2021, castanet (BURNBAY, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

When you're crossing a street or riding a bike alongside a big truck in Burnaby, it's comforting to know there are laws in B.C. saying those multi-ton vehicles should have proper brakes and loads that won't fly off and hit you and that drivers should be trained to operate the big machines.

But does that mean the thousands of trucks and truck drivers making their way through the city every day actually are safe?

According to RCMP Const. Kevin Connolly, more than half the trucks pulled over by police in the city aren't fit to stay on the road, and the problem appears to be worse in Burnaby than in other Lower Mainland cities.

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10 Impaired Driving Charges/Short-Term Suspensions Laid Every Hour in Canada

October 14, 2021, MADD (OAKVILLE, ONTARIO)

An average of 10 impaired driving criminal charges and short-term provincial licence suspensions were laid every hour in Canada in 2019, as shown in a new report from MADD Canada.

The report breaks the charge and short-term suspension rate down by alcohol and drug-related incidences, and also provides the annual totals, the rate per 100,000 and the daily breakdowns for each province. (The territories were not included due to the relatively small number of licence suspensions and federal impaired driving charges involved.)

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New mandatory training program to obtain a class 1 licence

October 18, 2021, SAAQ (QUÉBEC)

A new training program for drivers who wish to obtain a Class 1 licence (combinations of road vehicles) will become mandatory across Québec in 2023. The goal of the program is to improve the road safety record, to ensure that our roads are shared safely with heavy vehicles, and to implement entry-level requirements that are the same as those coming into effect across the rest of Canada.

In February 2020, the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety approved a Canada-wide standard for entry-level training for Class 1 drivers. This standard has since been included in the National Safety Code.

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Manitoba teen drivers exhibit high-risk behaviours: Manitoba Public Insurance

October 18, 2021, MPI (WINNIPEG, MANITOBA)

Manitoba teen drivers' behaviours are at the forefront of road safety today with the launch of National Teen Driver Safety Week (October 18-24).

Over the last decade (2011-2020), teen drivers have been involved in 10 per cent of fatal collisions and seven per cent of injury collisions, said Satvir Jatana, MPI's Chief Customer Officer.

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CARSP Launches Resources to Support the United Nations' Second Decade of Action for Road Safety

October 19, 2021, GlobeNewsWire (ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO)

The Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals (CARSP) is excited to announce the release of its latest online resource entitled [Road Safety Information](#).

On October 28th, 2021, the United Nations and the World Health Organization will launch the [Second Decade of Action for Road Safety](#), which aims to reduce global road traffic deaths and injuries by 50% by 2030. In preparation for this launch, this webpage will feature content so the media and public can gain value from basic, credible road safety information and FAQs.

This resource covers 13 important road safety topics, including Canada's Road Safety Strategy 2025, Vision Zero and the Safe Systems Approach, Safe Speeds, Emerging Technologies, and Road Safety During Covid-19. The Road Safety Information webpage will be updated at least every year in English and French. [Continue reading this post...](#)

Will the default speed limit on Oakville roads be reduced to 40 km/h? Town Council is still taking a hard look at it

October 19, 2021, Insidehalton.com (OAKVILLE, ONTARIO)

After a lengthy debate and numerous changes to a motion with far-reaching implications on traffic safety, Town of Oakville council partially passed the Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Program (NTSP).

Ward 1 Coun. Sean O'Meara took issue with the deferral of a policy that would have reduced the default speed limit on local and minor collector roads (residential) from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

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Nova Scotia road safety law passed in 2018 still years from taking effect: Minister

October 22, 2021, CBC (NOVA SCOTIA)

Nova Scotia is making some road safety changes by amending an old act because a wide-ranging bill passed in 2018 that transforms the rules of the road in the province still hasn't been proclaimed.

Public Works Minister Kim Masland says the Traffic Safety Act isn't expected to take effect for another three to four years because the supporting information technology system still isn't ready.

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SGL seeking feedback regarding e-scooters

October 22, 2021, Swift Current Online (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

SGL is in the process of requesting feedback from Saskatchewan residents regarding e-scooters and their possible use on public roads.

Currently, e-scooters are classified as unlicensed motor vehicles. Under The Traffic Safety Act, unlicensed vehicles are not permitted to be used on any public roads in Saskatchewan, with certain exceptions as Tyler McMurchy, Manager of Media Relations for SGL explains.

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Amendments to Motor Vehicle Act

October 22, 2021, Government of Nova Scotia (NOVA SCOTIA)

Amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act concerning impaired driving, bicycle traffic lights and muffler noise will help improve road safety for all users. Changes introduced today, October 22, will allow municipalities and the Province to install traffic control signals for bicycles and authorize municipalities to create bylaws for muffler noise. The changes will also confirm that police officers have the authority to issue a 90-day suspension to anyone who fails or refuses to comply with a demand to take a test related to impairment.

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Experts thought mandatory roadside breath-testing would be unconstitutional, but Canadian judges say otherwise

October 25, 2021, National post

It will soon be three years since Canada enacted a controversial law that allows police to breath-test any driver without needing suspicion of drinking — a law many experts argued was highly likely to be struck down as unconstitutional.

At least so far, Canadian courts have proven those experts wrong.

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ICBC: average of 250 Vancouver Island pedestrians injured every year

October 26, 2021, The Spec (VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

Nearly half of all pedestrian fatalities happen between October and January as the weather worsens.

New figures from ICBC show that on average, 250 pedestrians are injured in 350 crashes every year on Vancouver Island. ICBC released the figure as part of a safety campaign urging pedestrians and drivers to stay safe as crashes involving pedestrians nearly double at this time of year.

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Watch your step! Windsor's most dangerous pedestrian, cyclist pathways

October 27, 2021, Cision (WINDSOR, ONTARIO)

The most dangerous walkways for pedestrians in Windsor include a stretch on Wyandotte Street East and on Tecumseh Road East — but the city says it's en route to making them better.

The first Vision Zero progress report heads to the city's Environment, Transportation and Public Safety standing committee Wednesday. Outlined in the report are trends and patterns from the most recent traffic collisions in Windsor, specifically those leading to deaths and major injuries.

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Halving road deaths and injuries by 2030: a key commitment in Global Road Safety Plan

October 28, 2021, Cision (TORONTO, ONTARIO)

Today marks the launch by the World Health Organization of the Global Road Safety Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety. The plan is a blueprint for achieving the 2030 target to halve road deaths and injuries.

Currently, 1.3 million people around the world die annually from road crashes. In Canada, close to 1,800 people die and nearly 24,000 will require hospitalization for transport injuries.

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Public Input on Offences, Penalties, Mandatory Suspensions Regulations

October 29, 2021, Government of Nova Scotia (NOVA SCOTIA)

The government continues to seek input on Traffic Safety Act draft regulations. Nova Scotians can now provide feedback on proposed regulations that will define the offences and mandatory suspensions under the provincial act, as well as specify the penalties and fines associated with each offence. The draft regulations are available online effective today, October 29.

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Canadian Events & Conferences in 2021

Canadian national day of remembrance for road crash victims

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Arrive Alive Conference

November 22, 2021

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September-December

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