



**Vision Zero Task Force**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
2:00 p.m.**

**Committee Room 2, Second Floor & Zoom  
New Westminster City Hall, 511 Royal Avenue**

Present: Mayor Patrick Johnstone  
Tobin Copley  
Mohamed Essa\*  
Isabella Li

Absent: Councillor Daniel Fontaine  
Sanjay Kumar  
Lisa Leblanc  
*\*Attendance by electronic means*

**1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. It was acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. It was recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

**2. AGENDA ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the Agenda of the Vision Zero Task Force meeting held on January 21, 2026 be approved.*

**CARRIED**

### 3. MINUTES

MOVED and SECONDED

*THAT the Minutes of the Vision Zero Task Force meeting held on October 29, 2025 be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### 4. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

#### 4.1 ICBC Presentation to the New Westminster Vision Zero Task Force

With the aid of a presentation, Alex Lee, Acting Director, Road Safety Policies and Programs, ICBC, accompanied by Paul deLeur, Manager, Road Improvement Program, ICBC, provided an overview of publicly available road safety and driver licencing data and ICBC's Road Improvement Program.

A. Lee noted that ICBC maintains several searchable statistical data sets, including information related to (i) crashes, injuries, fatalities, and contributing factors, (ii) contraventions, (iii) auto crime, (iv) vehicle insurance policies, and (v) active BC driver licenses, road tests and knowledge tests.

A. Lee advised that BC's Traffic Accident System (TAS) database houses information on the circumstances of a crash. Data from completed MV6020s, the Traffic Accident Police Investigation Report which attending police officers complete, is entered into the TAS. This information provides increased clarity with respect to contributing factors of a collision.

A. Lee noted limitations associated with the data sets, including (i) the time required to settle claims and record data, (ii) the continued use of paper-based TAS means police reporting is a manual process, (iii) the prioritization of injury- and fatality-related incidents due to their urgent nature, and (iv) limitations on overall data availability.

A. Lee further advised that data sets not available through ICBC's public website may be accessed by submitting a data request form directly to ICBC.

P. deLeur advised that ICBC works with municipalities throughout the province to provide funding for projects under the Road Improvement Program (RIP), noting that in 2025 ICBC invested approximately \$10M towards more than 300 road safety projects, with funding capped at approximately \$250,000 per project.

In response to questions from the Task Force, the presenters advised that:

- any information provided to external parties must be personally unidentifiable;
- to determine liability, claims adjusters rely on witness statements, dashcam footage, and police reports, where available, and in the absence of witnesses or other evidence, the driver with responsibility to yield is generally found to be at fault;
- discrepancies in database statistics may result from the timing of when reports are received and entered into the system;

- ICBC provides data extracts to each community’s engineering department for internal use; and
- the potential for revised funding criteria under the RIP is currently being examined.

Discussion ensued and the Task force noted that a clearer understanding of the process for accessing information related to individual incidents would be beneficial, as well as consideration of multi-year funding for the RIP.

The meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 3:46 p.m. with all members of the Task Force present, except Councillor Daniel Fontaine, Sanjay Kumar, and Lisa Leblanc.

#### **4.2 Draft Goals & Deliverables of the Task Force**

With the aid of a presentation, Lacey Hirtle, Transportation Engineer, provided an update on the draft goals and deliverables of the Task Force, noting that there may be an opportunity to utilize the MV6020 form.

L. Hirtle highlighted the benefits of a proactive approach to road safety, including reducing vehicle trips through mode shifting, and outlined related work underway through the Active Transportation Network Plan.

L. Hirtle noted a focus on addressing the top contributing factors to incident reduction, including (i) speed reduction, (ii) intersection improvements, and (iii) improved street lighting, and further highlighted the potential application of predictive technologies.

L. Hirtle outlined the following draft goals and deliverables of the Task Force:

- a set of recommendations for Council;
- a set of advocacy recommendations to senior government; and
- an outline of next steps for the Task Force, with a focus on community input.

Discussion ensued, and A. Lee noted the potential to explore pedestrian and cyclist travel patterns, as well as emerging forms of mobility.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED and SECONDED  
*THAT the meeting adjourn (4:02 p.m.).*

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the  
Minutes of the Vision Zero Task Force  
meeting held on January 21, 2026.

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Mayor Patrick Johnstone  
CHAIR

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Kristin Unger  
COMMITTEE CLERK