



## TERMS OF REFERENCE PROVINCIAL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE September 2015

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

In the November 2014 Throne Speech, Government committed to the creation of a Road Safety Committee to “ensure that principles of road safety are integrated in all aspects of transportation policy”.

Manitoba will benefit from a strategic and holistic approach to road safety through the establishment of a Provincial Road Safety Committee. This will facilitate prioritization of road safety issues, foster greater cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders, and focus resources to maximize results.

#### 1.1 Issue

Motor vehicle-related fatalities and serious injuries on public roadways have declined significantly in Manitoba over the last two decades. These road safety improvements have been achieved despite increases in the overall population count, number of registered vehicles, and licensed drivers on Manitoba roadways over the same period.

Despite clear declines in motor vehicle-related casualties, the personal and societal costs of collisions, injuries and fatalities continue to be significant. Collisions have various cost components, including property damage, emergency response services, medical services, legal services, travel delay, workplace productivity losses, etc.

The societal costs of collisions in Manitoba are estimated at \$6.4 million per fatality and \$133,000 per injury. When these costs are applied to the number of fatalities/injuries, the societal costs of traffic fatalities/injuries were over \$2 billion in 2013 (\$2.038), approximately three percent of Manitoba’s gross domestic product. In 2014, there were 41,819 collisions in Manitoba resulting in 11,234 victims and 85 fatalities.

### 2.0 OBJECTIVES

The objective of the Provincial Road Safety Committee is to enhance road safety and reduce the number and severity of collisions as well as the number of collision injuries and fatalities in Manitoba by:

- Synthesizing efforts in:
  - Engineering and infrastructure
  - Roadway operations
  - Enforcement and legal systems
  - Education and awareness
  - Vehicle safety

- Fostering coordination and collaboration between the various departments and agencies involved in road safety
- Promoting road safety in a strategic, concerted way
- Ensuring road safety issues are identified and prioritized
- Better allocating limited resources to those areas in greatest need of intervention

The purpose of the Committee is not to redefine legislative mandates for participating organizations and logical areas of accountability stemming from those mandates. Rather, the Committee will guide a more strategic and holistic approach to addressing road safety issues in Manitoba through stakeholder engagement, cooperation, and collaboration.

### **3.0 DELIVERABLES**

The Provincial Road Safety Committee's primary deliverable will be a comprehensive Road Safety Plan for Manitoba. The Road Safety Plan will establish a guiding framework through which road safety activities will be undertaken and priorities, targets, and timelines identified.

Manitoba's Road Safety Plan will follow the national Road Safety Strategy 2015 model, and will seek to accelerate current downward trending in the rate-based number of fatalities and serious injuries on provincial and municipal roadways. Overall performance will be measured in annual fatalities and serious injuries per billion kilometres traveled, per vehicles registered and per population or licenced drivers. Most of these metrics are already tracked via the annual *Traffic Collision Statistics Report* prepared by Manitoba Public Insurance.

### **4.0 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Road safety issues are complex in nature and involve a variety of stakeholders from a wide cross-section of organizations and agencies. The Provincial Road Safety Committee will act as an umbrella organization to focus the expertise and resources of participating organizations and agencies to achieve mutually agreed upon goals. Over the long-term, these activities will form the basis of a well-integrated and comprehensive road safety plan for Manitoba, while respecting the individual mandates and accountabilities of participating agencies.

#### **4.1 Committee Leadership**

The Provincial Road Safety Committee will be co-chaired by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT) and Manitoba Public Insurance, both of which have joint and complementary legislative mandates to pursue road safety improvements.

MIT's mandate extends to overall responsibility for Manitoba's *Highway Traffic Act*, engineering and infrastructure, and roadway operations, as well as overall transportation policy and regulatory oversight of Manitoba's commercial motor carriers. Manitoba Public Insurance's road safety mandate is addressed under Sections 6(1) and 6(2) of *The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act* and as Administrator of *The Drivers and Vehicles Act*.

#### 4.2 Committee Levels

The Provincial Road Safety Committee will be structured in a way that ensures its ability to develop guiding policy, identify key priorities, and provide strategic direction, while maintaining the ability to conduct research and analysis to inform the development of interventions and programming by participating agencies.

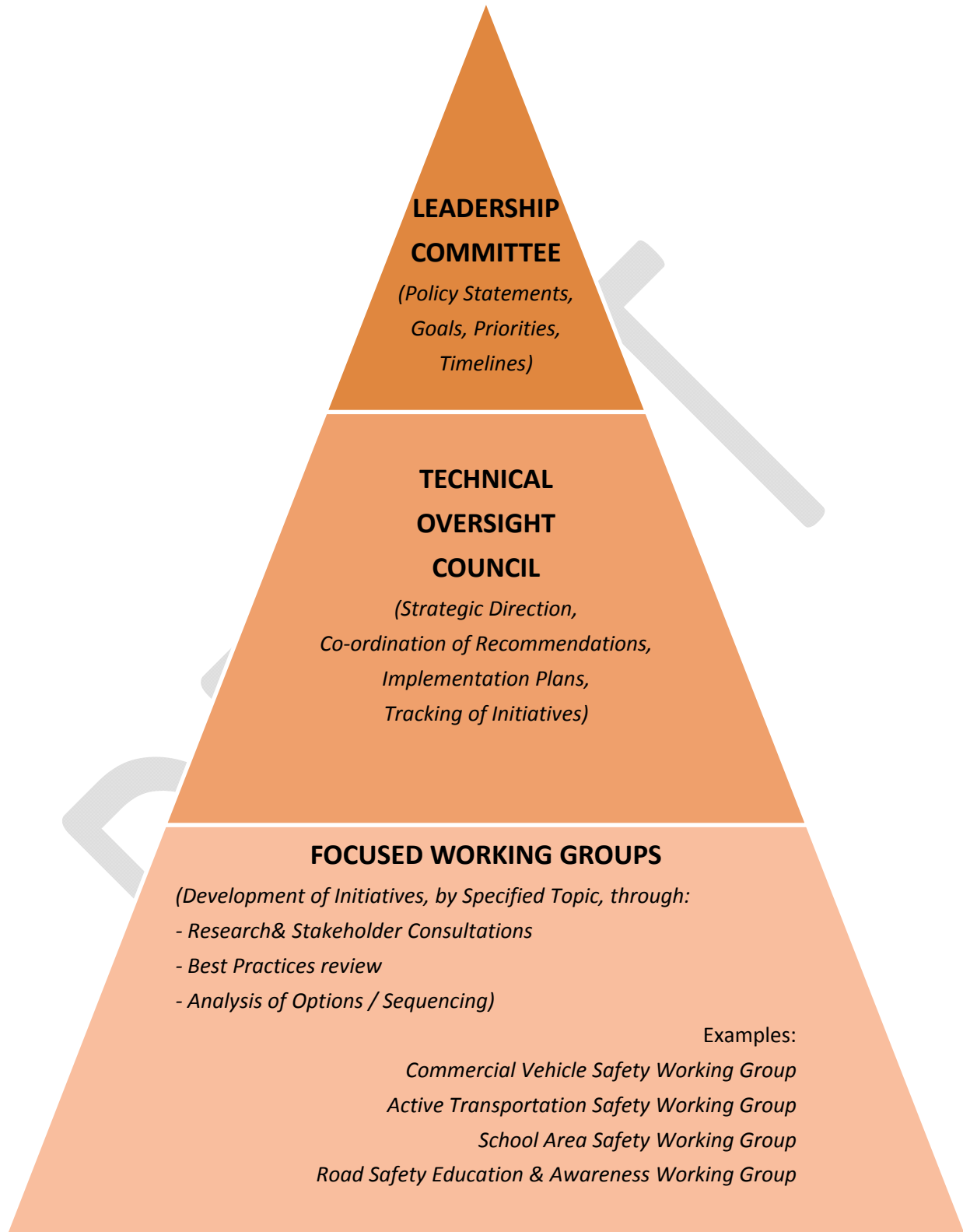
To achieve this outcome, the Committee will be organized with a three-tiered structure featuring:

1. Road Safety Leadership Committee to provide strategic direction and establish priorities.
2. Technical Oversight Council to coordinate efforts, manage deliverables, provide direction and support to working groups, etc.<sup>1</sup>
3. Issue specific Working Groups to conduct research, identify options, and develop suggestions for interventions and programming to address key priorities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Technical Oversight Council will require its own Terms of Reference to guide its activities, establish reporting requirements, identify members, etc.

Figure 1: organizational model for the Road Safety Committee



**MEMBERSHIP**

Members of the **Road Safety Leadership Committee** will be as follows:

Organization	Representative
Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation	(Co-Chair) Assistant Deputy Minister, Motor Carrier and Transportation Policy Divisions
	Assistant Deputy Minister, Engineering and Operations
Manitoba Public Insurance	(Co-Chair) Vice President, Business Development and Communications and Chief Product Officer
Manitoba Justice	Executive Director, Policy Development and Analysis
Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors	Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Living and Seniors
Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police	Representative
Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning	Director, Education Administration Services

Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation will provide a secretary to the Road Safety Leadership Committee to coordinate and support the Committee’s activities, prepare reporting documents for government, act as a liaison between the Committee and the Technical Oversight Council, etc.

Members of the **Technical Oversight Council** may include senior representatives from the following government departments and organizations:

- Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation
- Manitoba Public Insurance
- Manitoba Justice
- Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors
- CAA Manitoba
- Association of Manitoba Municipalities
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Winnipeg Police Service
- Public Works representatives from selected Manitoba cities, including Winnipeg
- University of Manitoba Transport Institute or Faculty of Civil Engineering
- SAFE Roads Manitoba

Committee-sponsored **Working Groups** will comprise a variety of other road safety agencies, stakeholders, and interest groups that are established to examine specific road safety issues and priorities as directed by the Technical Oversight Council. Road safety stakeholders may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- Government departments and Crown Corporations
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Regional Health Authorities
- Municipal Authorities
- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
- Manitoba Metis Federation
- MADD Canada
- Bike Winnipeg
- IMPACT
- Manitoba Trucking Association
- Manitoba Heavy Construction Association
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents
- Universities and Colleges
- Research Institutes

## 5.0 RESOURCES

Participating organizations/agencies will provide in-kind contributions to support activities of the Provincial Road Safety Committee. Examples of in-kind contributions include expertise, person hours, meeting space, and administrative support.

## 6.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Road Safety Leadership Committee will provide overall direction and oversight to the Technical Oversight Council. The Leadership Committee will also be responsible for liaising with government, reporting on activities and achievements of the Provincial Road Safety Committee, and securing government support for, and approval of the Committees' overall strategic approach, priorities, targets and timelines.