



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period June 1-30, 2022

Township of Scugog is Continuing Measures to Improve Road Safety

June 01, 2022, The Township of Scugog (SCUGOG, ONTARIO)

Community and road safety continues to be a priority for the Township of Scugog. The Township has been actively working to improve safety for all road users (vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, etc.), and to reduce speeds and speed related collisions across the Township.

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Green means go - for pedestrians only: City rolling out new traffic signal

June 02, 2022, The London Free Press (LONDON, ONTARIO)

The city is piloting a new traffic-signal system that will give pedestrians a five-second headstart before the light turns green for vehicles.

Called a leading pedestrian interval, the system that employs an “advance” walk has reduced car-pedestrian collisions in other cities such as Toronto and Sudbury. In London, the system will be piloted at Dundas and Wellington streets.

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SGI's June Traffic Safety Spotlight Targets 2 Areas

June 02, 2022, SGI (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

SGI is taking a two-pronged approach to June's traffic safety spotlight. The insurance company's Tyler McMurchy says they're focusing on impaired driving and seat restraint use, noting 172 people were killed in impaired driving collisions in the past 5 years, and in 60 of those cases, people were also not properly restrained. He says the combination of both makes the situation even more reckless.

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Selective Traffic Enforcement Program begins in Weyburn Wednesday

June 07, 2022, DiscoverWeyburn.com (WEYBURN, SASKATCHEWAN)

Residents of Weyburn will see a higher presence of police on Wednesday and Thursday, as many agencies will be in the city as part of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP).

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Neighbourhood speed limit reductions coming to Heritage Hills

June 07, 2022, Halifax.ca (HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA)

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that speed limits will be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h in the residential streets off of Cow Bay Road.

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June is Commercial Vehicle Safety Month

June 08, 2022, The City of Calgary (CALGARY, ALBERTA)

June is Commercial Vehicle Safety Month in the Alberta Traffic Safety Calendar and we are teaming up with our partners in the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) to ensure commercial vehicles and their drivers are operating safely on the roads.

Although this work happens year-round, this month we are raising awareness around the most common issues inspectors find while conducting commercial vehicle inspections.

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These ten roads are the worst in Quebec

June 08, 2022, CTV News (QUEBEC, QUEBEC)

Quebecers have voted for the worst roads in the province for 2022, but there are no Montreal streets on the list.

According to CAA-Quebec, 8,524 votes came in between April 26 and May 26.

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Pilot project allows Alberta tow truck drivers to use blue lights

June 10, 2022, Global News (ALBERTA)

Alberta announced a one-year pilot project on Friday that will give tow truck operators the option of using blue lights to increase their visibility and safety.

Members of the industry, including the Towing and Recovery Association of Alberta and the Alberta Motor Association, have been asking for permission to use blue lights for years. They even got the support of the Alberta Chiefs of Police.

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B2K BIKE SAFETY DAY (BEACONSFIELD)

June 10, 2022, Montreal Families (MONTREAL, QUÉBEC)

Families are invited to a day of cycling fun and safety training. Decorate your bike at our Bling Your Bike station, and get your bike etched to help protect it from theft with the PDQ1. We even have stations to check your air, brakes, chains, and helmet! Finally, test your road safety skills at our obstacle course.

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Council approves new Vehicle for Hire Bylaw

June 15, 2022, Regional municipality of Wood Buffalo (WOOD BUFFALO, ALBERTA)

At last night's meeting, Council approved the new Vehicle for Hire Bylaw No. 22/006 and amendments to related provisions in the Fees Rates and Charges Bylaw No. 21/019. The changes take effect immediately.

The new bylaw will enhance passenger and driver safety, encourage competitive rates, allow more flexibility negotiating fares, and create additional options for consumers with ridesharing services now allowed.

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Bike Rodeos a success

June 15, 2022, Royal Canadian Mountain Police (IQALUIT, NUNAVUT)

During the week of June 6, 2022, the Iqaluit RCMP and the City of Iqaluit Municipal Enforcement (By-law), conducted Bike Rodeos at Iqaluit Elementary Schools.

Iqaluit RCMP and By-law officers attended Joamie Ilinniavik, Nakashuk School, and Nanook School. They delivered a curriculum focused on safe bike operation, hand signals, street signs, and general traffic safety. The Rodeos allowed students to demonstrate their biking abilities, while having positive interactions with officers, as well as Safety Bear, the RCMP mascot. A total of 19 bicycles, 20 helmets, and 8 bicycle locks, which were purchased with funds generously donated by the Government of Nunavut's Community Justice, were raffled off during the rodeos.

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Minister of Transport Canada announces new regulations to fine companies or individuals who violate the Motor Vehicle Safety Act

June 15, 2022, CISION (OTTAWA, ONTARIO)

Today, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced that Transport Canada is proposing new regulations to fine companies or individuals who violate the Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Penalties could range up to \$4,000 for an individual violating the Act, and up to \$200,000 for a company. Fines would apply per violation - meaning fines could be stacked for multiple breaches of the Act.

For severe violations affecting multiple vehicles, tires, or child seats - or those occurring over multiple days - Transport Canada could issue several penalties. The ability to fine, also known as an administrative monetary penalty, stems from the Strengthening Motor Vehicle Safety for Canadians Act, which grants the Minister of Transport and Transport Canada new powers to help keep Canadian roads safe.

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Amendments to the Motor Vehicles Act

June 16 2022, Government of Northwest Territories (YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES)

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has amended to the [Motor Vehicles Act \(Act\)](#) to ensure public safety and increase alignment with other jurisdictions across Canada.

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Impaired Driving Was SGI's May Traffic Safety Spotlight

June 22 2022, Saskatchewan Government of Insurance (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

SGI's traffic safety spotlight for May was impaired driving, and police across the province reported 328 offences. The insurance company's Tyler McMurchy says police across Saskatchewan issued more than 61 hundred tickets for speeding or aggressive driving, 748 for distracted driving and over 400 the seat restraint infractions.

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Regional Council approves changes to speed limits in school zones to enhance safety

June 23 2022, Region of Waterloo (WATERLOO, ONTARIO)

Regional Council approved staff recommendations to adjust speed limits on Regional roads within school zones by day/time/month starting this September.

Regional staff conducted a study to assess current traffic conditions at all 35 school zones that front a Regional road, and concluded that the varied uses of the Region's roadway network required a new approach to setting speed limits in school zones.

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CARSP's President Raheem Dilgir on The Brian Crombie Radio Hour

June 29 2022, CARSP (VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

CARSP's president Raheem Dilgir discussed road safety in Canada on The Brian Crombie Radio Hour on Thursday, June 9th at 6:00 pm on Sauga 960 AM. Access the full video recording [here](#).

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Ontario road safety in peril - study

June 30 2022, Insurance Business (ONTARIO)

Drivers in Ontario no longer feel as safe as before on the road, a new study by CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) has found, as more dangerous driving activity has been recorded in the province.

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