

TO: Mayors/Wardens, Councillors, All Units

CC: Chief Administrative Officers/Clerk-Treasurers, All Units

FR: Betty MacDonald, Executive Director

RE: OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT ON THE REWRITE OF THE *MOTOR VEHICLE ACT* & SPRING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

A new *Traffic Safety Act* is being proposed as a replacement for Nova Scotia's current and outdated *Motor Vehicle Act*. The original *Motor Vehicle Act* was written in the early 1900s and has not been rewritten since the early 1920s although it has been amended many times.

The *Motor Vehicle Act*, and its proposed replacement, the *Traffic Safety Act*, govern and regulate the registration and identification of motor vehicles, vehicle and equipment standards and the use of Nova Scotia highways and roads. This includes driver's licenses, the registration and inspection of vehicles, traffic laws and equipment standards.

The proposed *Traffic Safety Act*, will be more flexible and responsive so that future amendments can be done efficiently. Up-to-date content will be added, outdated content will be removed and the language will be modernized.

TIR will provide an overview and answer questions in a teleconference call. We will send the presentation out to all of you. It will highlight the process underway and the opportunity for input. There is a short window to register a request for a change. One area municipalities should consider is in the area of increased authority for you to make decisions for your communities. Speed limits might be one area.

Given input to the province is required within the next few weeks, we will schedule two (2) teleconference calls to accommodate different schedules. It will be the same presentation for each, so call in to the one most convenient. Attached is the presentation being given by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as well as the stakeholder response form.

Date: Tuesday, May 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Date: Thursday, May 24th, 7:00 p.m. – note evening

Call in Information:

1-888-289-4573

Code 7123705

Spring Conference Presentations: These are being uploaded to our website today – a notice will be posted in the “Latest News” section of the Home Page, when they are ready for viewing!

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1. Please indicate which stakeholder group you are representing.

2. **What changes do you think should be considered in the new TSA and its accompanying Regulations?**

Feel free to address multiple issues but please be very concise with your responses. You can use up to 1000 words in total and you must keep to the allocated space and form. When providing your response, for each item you wish to address please:

- Identify the part of the act you are addressing.
- Identify the issue you re addressing, which may include a reference to a particular section of the current Motor Vehicle Act.
- Indicate your proposed solution to the issue you are addressing.
- Identify other jurisdictions that have implemented your proposed change.
- Submit your completed form to Kory Harrington at:

Kory.harrington@novascotia.ca

- Responses within 2 weeks of receiving this template would be greatly appreciated.

Provide your response in the space below:



MVA Rewrite Initiative Traffic Safety Act (TSA)

Stakeholder Engagement Presentation

Today's Agenda...

1. Purpose of today's session
2. What are we doing
3. Why are we doing it and key features
4. How we are approaching it
5. Our timeline
6. Your role
7. Getting stakeholder input
8. Defining the sections
9. The engagement process
10. The question

Purpose of today's session...

The purpose of today's session is to inform our stakeholders of what we are doing and how we are doing it.

It is also to introduce the process by which our stakeholders can provide input that will inform the development of the drafting instructions for the new TSA.

It is about the process not a session to discuss policy or specific aspects of the TSA.

What we are doing...

- Creating the *Traffic Safety Act(TSA)* to replace the current *Motor Vehicle Act(MVA)*
- Consolidating and reorganizing the regulations that support the Act
- Moving technical detail to regulations with a mix of Governor in Council (GIC) Government in Council (GIC) and Ministerial authority

Why we are doing this...

- Provide a more modern, flexible and responsive framework so future amendments can be done efficiently and without unintended consequences.
- Reduce gaps and provide greater clarity and certainty for law enforcement and administration.

Key TSA Features

- Provides new streamlined legislative framework with minimal policy changes
- Organize into specific subject matter parts and minimize cross referencing and making it easier to read.
- Add up-to-date content, remove irrelevant content, and use consistent terminology
- Use modern language – clearer, more understandable, more accessible

How we are doing it...

- Technical Committee (TIR and Legal Services Staff) is conducting detailed analysis of current draft of TSA including regulations.
- Consultation Team is engaging key stakeholders, our partners and the public to obtain valuable input
- Steering Committee is managing process and reviewing policy changes proposed by TSA for consideration by Minister.

Our Timeline...

Action	Completion Date
1. Engagement (Stakeholders/Partners/Public)	May 2018
2. Review of Engagement Feedback	June – 2018
3. Finalize Drafting Instructions for the new TSA	July 2018
4. Request for Legislation	August 2018
5. Implementation	TBA
Other Major Initiatives	Completion Date
1. Regulations Development	March 2019
2. Information Systems Re-Development	TBA

Defining the Parts of the New TSA...

Roles and Responsibility – Minister, Registrar, Traffic Authority, Motor Vehicle Inspector, Seizers, Peace Officer, Motor Vehicle Appeal Board, Medical Advisory Committee

Vehicles – Standards, Documents, Inspection, Suspensions, Reinstatements Offences, Regulations

Drivers – Standards, Licensing, Suspensions, Reinstatements, Training, Offences, Regulations

Using the Road – Standards, Pedestrians, Cyclists, Prohibitions, Commercial Vehicles, Offences, Collisions, Insurance, Seizers, Regulations

Business and Licensing – General, Dealers, Inspection Stations, Driving Schools, Signing Authorities

Administration – Courts, Documents, Records, Reciprocal Agreements, Information Sharing, Reviews, Offences, Fines, Points, Regulations

Act vs. Regulations...

	Act	Governor In Council Regulations	Ministerial Regulations
What	High Level Policy/Principles	Policy Details and Definitions	Technical Detail including adopting Standards
Who	House of Assembly	Executive Council	Minister
Example	Require drivers license to operate a motor vehicle	Set requirements to get a driver's license.	Describe what a driver's license looks like.

Your Role...

Your feedback through this process is extremely valuable and important. It will inform the technical team responsible for drafting the instructions for the TSA from your perspective.

All feedback will be reviewed processed and considered by identified parts to help shape the TSA

The Process...

- All stakeholders will be asked one question.
- Responses must be concise (limited to 1000 words in total) and include:
 - Identify the part of the act you are addressing.
 - Identify the issue you re addressing, which may include a reference to a particular section of the existing MVA.
 - Indicate your proposed solution to the issue you are addressing.
 - Identify other jurisdictions that have implemented your proposed change.

The Process...

- Only responses submitted on the official response form will be submitted for review.
- The response templates are to be completed and submitted to Kory Harrington at this e-mail address:

Kory.Harrington@novascotia.ca

- The deadline for submissions is Thursday, May 31

The Question...

What changes do you think should be considered in the new TSA and its accompanying Regulations?

Official Response Template...



Traffic Safety Act Stakeholder Response Form

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Responses will be accepted up until **4:00pm on Thursday, May 31, 2018.**



Questions???