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[The committee met at 13:00.]

The Chair: — All right, I'd like to welcome everybody back to the all-party Traffic Safety Committee convening again today on August the 22nd. It's been a good summer. I hope all the committee members took some time off and enjoyed some time with family and friends and did a little relaxation because we had some busy days prior to adjourning for the summer.

I want to take a couple seconds to thank all the staff that were involved in supporting this endeavour. It's going to state that in the final report as well, from the Chair's report, but I want to make it public as people might be watching this afternoon, that without the hard work of the people behind the scenes, behind the cameras — Legislative Assembly Services staff, Hansard — we couldn't do our jobs. So I want to publicly thank them, and I'm sure that also is echoed by the members of the committee as well.

Today we meet to go through all the recommendations one final time to come to a final consensus as to what we want to put forward, and we'll be going in camera for that. But I want to thank the members for making time out of their busy schedules to meet today, and we'll be finishing this process when we're done at the end of today.

So I need a motion from a member so we can go in camera to go over the recommendations. Mr. Steinley.

Mr. Steinley: — I move we go in camera.

The Chair: — So moved. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed.

[The committee continued in camera from 13:01 until 15:59.]

The Chair: — Welcome back, and thank you to the committee members for a great afternoon of discussion through the recommendations. And I can say, as a Chair, we are finished with the last process of the report going through recommendations. However we have two motions that have to be put on record. The first is for Ms. Chartier to read please.

Ms. Chartier: — I would like to move:

That pursuant to rule 135(2) the committee include a minority opinion to the final report of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.

The Chair: — Thank you, Ms. Chartier. Any discussion about that motion? Ms. Chartier.

Ms. Chartier: — Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. I think it's important to point out, although the committee has done some very good work and I believe that many of our recommendations will reduce fatalities and injuries, I think we've ignored . . . The opposition believes, or this side of the House . . . no, sorry. The minority members believe that we're ignoring key evidence coming from our western neighbours in

BC [British Columbia] and Alberta who have implemented in recent years three-day vehicle impoundments for drivers in the warning range. And we've seen reductions, in BC, in fatalities by 50 per cent in two years and in Alberta, who just implemented that last year, a 46 per cent reduction in fatalities. The impoundment has proved to be a very effective tool and deterrent from keeping people from drinking and driving. And I think again it's a shame that we have chosen not to take that route.

[16:00]

The Chair: — Fine. Mr. Vermette. Thank you.

Mr. Vermette: — Yes, and I just want to make a few comments too, Darryl, Mr. Chair. As far as agreeing with my colleague here and one of the committee members that definitely we've seen some information and some evidence that showed a great reduction in fatalities and injuries. And I just want to say too hopefully, you know, at some point that recommendation some day might hit someone's ear and they might respond to it to try to lessen the fatalities and injuries in our province. And that's about what I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Vermette. Any other discussion on this motion? Seeing none, all in favour of the motion as read by Ms. Chartier?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — So moved. Thank you, Ms. Chartier, for that. We have another motion that I'd like to have Ms. Wilson read please.

Ms. Wilson: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to make the motion:

That pursuant to rule 135(6), the final report of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety be adopted and filed with the Clerk on August 30, 2013.

I so move.

The Chair: — Thank you, Ms. Wilson. Any discussion about the motion read by Ms. Wilson? Seeing none, all in favour of the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Unanimous. Thank you, Ms. Wilson, for that. So moved. Thank you, members. It's been a great experience as the Chair to travel through the province and do this good work, and I can now say I'm looking for a motion to adjourn the good work of this committee. Mr. Steinley.

Mr. Steinley so moves to adjourn the committee of the all-party Traffic Safety Committee. Any discussion? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — So moved. Thank you very much for your time

and your participation.

[The committee adjourned at 16:02.]