



**TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
ZOOM ELECTRONIC MEETING  
AGENDA - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.**

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1. **Call to order**
2. **Attendance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Motion: that the Agenda be approved as \_\_\_\_\_ circulated or amended.**
4. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest**
5. **Approval of Minutes - June 1, 2021**  
**Motion: that the minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on June 1, 2021 be approved as circulated.**
6. **Issues Arising from the Minutes**
7. **Presentations/Delegations**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Financial**

**10. Detachment Commander's Report**

1. April - June 2021
2. Crime and Traffic Stats - a question from the PSB – are you able to share any patrol requirements in regard to Melancthon
3. Other

**11. Committee Reports**

**12. Other Business**

1. Traffic dampening - "Children Playing" cut outs - Update, if any
2. Update on Towing By-law, if any
3. Police Services Board Composition - Update
4. Half Load Summary of Offences
  1. Inquiries from Council (June 17, 2021 meeting) - were any of the Township roads patrolled for half load violations, if yes, what roads and how many days were they patrolled and is there GPS data?
5. Council concerns from June 17, 2021 meeting - heavy trucks and speeding on the 4<sup>th</sup> Line NE
  1. Letters from residents regarding 4<sup>th</sup> Line NE and 5<sup>th</sup> Line
6. Cost sharing of a Part-time Officer
7. OPP Presence on Melancthon roads since Shelburne OPP Contract
8. Questions from David Thwaites - Email dated August 31, 2021
9. Other/Additions

**13. Public Discussion**

**14. Date of Next Meeting** - Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

**15. Adjournment**

**Motion: that we adjourn this Police Services Board meeting to meet again on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.**

## Denise Holmes

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**From:** Ward, Terry R. (OPP) <Terry.R.Ward@opp.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** Denise Holmes  
**Subject:** RE: Half Load Summary of Offences in Melancthon

Hi Denise,

We laid 4 over weight charges in Melancthon on Cty 17 and another 8 on Cty 17 in Mulmur. Overall the detachment laid 20 over weight charges in Dufferin.

Terry

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**From:** Denise Holmes [mailto:[dholmes@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:dholmes@melancthontownship.ca)]  
**Sent:** June 7, 2021 11:59 AM  
**To:** Ward, Terry R. (OPP) <Terry.R.Ward@opp.ca>  
**Subject:** Half Load Summary of Offences in Melancthon

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Hi Terry,

It was asked at the last Council meeting if the OPP would have a summary of tickets issued for half load violations on Melancthon roads?

Thanks!

Regards,  
Denise Holmes



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some items. We are encouraging everyone to take advantage of the online services offered for payment of taxes, payment of dog tags, fire permits, planning applications, etc.

Bill Neilson

Melancthon Resident

August 19, 2021

Members of Council

Township of Melancthon

Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors:

Re: 4th Line NE Safety Issues

Having attended the April 28, 2021 Roads Sub Committee Meeting and the latest Council Meeting of August 12, 2021 both involving lengthy discussions about the 4th Line NE it became very apparent to me that there is a split among committee and/or council on whether this commuter road should be paved or remain gravel and as long as the split remains this road will remain a 1 and a half lane gravel commuter road.

I would like to thank the councillors who tabled and seconded the notice of motion to have the 4th Line NE and the 5th Line paved in 2022. The councillor who tabled the motion made very good and valid points on why these roads, and in particular, why the 4th Line NE should revert back to pavement. The points included

- Connecting routes to County Road 2 to the north and County Road 17 to the south.
- Paved road vs gravel road. This point was also made to council on December 20, 2018 by a very knowledgeable member of the public who delegated council. The road remains gravel.
- Safety concerns with the impact of moving the commuter traffic off these two commuter roads back onto County Road 9 and hwy 10 at the north end and back onto County Road 17 and hwy 10 to the south.

It was during the safety concerns point that I realized we have a very serious safety issue with the 4th Line NE in particular and if we don't do something with this road it is **only be a matter of time before there are again fatalities**. The previous council found a solution to a problem that never existed. (To move traffic off the township roads back onto the main arteries as per the Road Management Plan. Sounds reasonable in theory but we know what happens to theory in the REAL world.)

It is also not lost on me that this council has discussed at length the various safety issues involving traffic in the township at two of the last three council meetings. The main safety issues;

- Speeding on township roads regardless of whether these roads are paved or gravel.
- Enforcement or lack of enforcement of the traffic rules on township roads.

My worst fear is that, it is **only be a matter of time before again, there are fatalities on the 4th Line NE**. It could be me, it could be you, or it could be one of our most vulnerable community members, the Mennonites and council will be discussing these fatalities at length during future council meetings.

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**Yesterday, August 18, 2021 at 10:25 a.m. six (6) days following the notice of motion, my worst fear almost came to fruition. I was on my front walkway making my way into the house to compose a letter to council on this very issue when the following near miss occurred.**

**As I was walking along the walkway I could hear the sound of kids laughing and talking and having a good time. I looked up to see a pony and cart with five (5) children and a dog on the road making their way north on the 4th Line NE. Within seconds I could now hear the sound of a large vehicle also making its way north. The children at the same time also could hear the sound of a large vehicle making its way north behind them.**

**What happened next, I can only describe as the most horrifying moment I have ever witnessed, and I have attended fatal motor vehicle collisions, I have served on jury duty of a first-degree murder trial and I have administered first aid to fellow employee who had the calf ripped off his leg but this near miss is by far the most terrifying, horrific moment I have ever witnessed.**

**When the children realized that there was a large vehicle speeding toward them, the driver, probably 8 or 9 years old, stopped the cart and all 5 children huddled and covered their heads as best they could as an unloaded quad axle gravel trailer and tractor sped past them!**

**This near miss could have ended much differently! It is not a matter of if it can happen, it is a matter of when it will happen! It is only be a matter of time before there are again fatalities on the 4th Line NE. It could be me, it could be you, or it could be child!**

**I realize that council is limited to what it can do to prevent speeding, to prevent heavy vehicles, and prevent heavy vehicles from speeding, but there are options to help mitigate fatalities on our township roads.**

**Now is not the time for more lengthy discussions and to double down on whether or not the 4th Line NE is a commuter road and whether or not it should be left as gravel. Now is the time for council to facilitate the options that are available to prevent a fatality(s) For this reason I am requesting the following from Melancthon Council;**

- **This letter be made available to the next council meeting scheduled for September 2, 2021. I will be happy to elaborate or take any questions from council.**
- **This letter be made available to the next Roads Sub Committee meeting to be scheduled. I will be happy to further elaborate and take any further questions from committee.**
- **That the 4th Line NE finally be completed including asphalt. This road has been ready for asphalt since the spring of 2020.**
- **That Council introduce a by-law for the whole township to become a Community Safety Zone.**
- **That Council introduce a by-law to have all township roads, whether paved or gravel, to become 70KPH maximum, unless otherwise posted.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Bill Neilson**

## Denise Holmes

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**From:** angie stephens  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 11:26 PM  
**To:** Denise Holmes  
**Cc:** Wayne Hannon  
**Subject:** Issues would like help with please

Hello Denise,

I was given your email address as a designation for complaints looking for help from the township and council.

5th line between county rd 17 and 21

First Concern; Dump Trucks speeding

My husband and I were under the impression that our conversations with Craig Micks would have had some success in getting our concerns to council. However after communicating with Wayne Hannon it is understood that council is unaware of our issues.

We have also contacted the OPP numerous times to try to address this serious issue. We were told by OPP officers that Melancthon township is only allowed so many hours of non emergency service due to budget and lack of contract. ??? Was not sure what to make of this???

Dump trucks both contracted for construction on 21 and Dufferin county dump trucks flying by our property sending the gravel from the road flying hitting our horses, ourselves and grandchildren, our vehicles.

We have numerous VIDEO recordings showing this disgraceful behavior.

Some to mention from SCC and actual Red Dufferin county trucks flying by one driver sporting a fingered gesture in response to his video fame .. township proud. 🤔🤔

Both my husband and I are long time truck drivers and would never travel on a gravel road with speeds tossing stones such a distance.

Our neighbors whom walk up and down the road no longer do it. The mennonites have had to pull over multiple times due to them being pelted by stones.

I have spoken with Wayne about this issue last Thursday August 19th and he did tell me that he was going to speak to the crew. We enjoyed a couple of days of mannered driving Friday and Monday. However Tuesday brought more frustration as the trucks went back to the autobahn style driving. We are now aware of the construction that is required but we were not advised prior to the start of this construction and that our road being a NO TRUCK ROUTE would be used. We would appreciate notices sent out to us home owners, as well as the consideration to reduce the speed of the road to 50km/hr to eliminate the stone tossing and have it monitored and enforced during construction period please.

We also have a huge ongoing issue with speeding traffic that again has been brought to the OPP attention and except for the one time the first summer we owned our farm 2019, the officer that attended ended up handing out 21 speeding tickets in a 45 min to an hour timespan of sitting in our barn driveway. He had to leave for another call but we were pleased with his attention to our issue.

However again we have called and called and rarely get an officer to respond. Now I understand that there are emergency and more important calls but when we have called in to report have no one show up then drive out to 124 and 21 and there is an officer sitting on the corner we ask if anyone was addressing our call he says an officer drove through??? Ok so no notice paid to our serious concerns. We have numerous videos of the speeders too.

One of these days someone is going to get hurt by driving off the road due to the loose gravel and the speeds they are traveling. Pick up trucks and RV trailers sway back and forth its really scary.

If its possible we would love to have a survey box on our road by our house to monitor the traffic and speeds that are occurring. I am looking into hiring our own if the township cannot to back up our concerns.

Please advise if you require any more information sorry its such a long read but we are frustrated and fed up.

Regards  
Angie Stephens

## Denise Holmes

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**From:** Denise Holmes  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** Denise Holmes  
**Subject:** PSB

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Thwaites <davidgthwaites@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:11 AM  
**To:** Denise Holmes <dholmes@melancthontownship.ca>  
**Cc:** Darren White <dwhite@melancthontownship.ca>; blundellsja@gmail.com  
**Subject:** PSB

For PSB meeting, I have some questions that might need to be asked in advance in order to have answer from OPP for the meeting.  
How many speed enforcement efforts have been conducted in Melancthon in 2021. Where have the locations been and how long (hours) are they set/held?  
To help put in context it might assist to have the County wide, excepting mono, OV and Shelburne, info/stats as well.

To further the question, if Dufferin OPP had a designated Traffic Unit, how would that change the dynamics of enforcement in Melancthon?

While I am at, in "police presence/visibility" in Melancthon (given this was priority one for Melancthon in its ask of the OPP) how often and where have the OPP been present in Melancthon in the past six months, apart from having to attend accident scene and crime responses?

Thanks

David Thwaites

Sent from my iPad