

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held a meeting on March 1st, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: James McLean, Chair, Bill Neilson, Vice-Chair and Member Darren White. Also present were: Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent, Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk and Kaitlin Chessell, Roads Sub-Committee Secretary.

Call to Order

Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair McLean shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

No declaration declared at this time.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that the minutes of Roads Sub-Committee Meeting held on February 1st, 2023 be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence Items

None.

General Business

1. Update from Public Works Superintendent

Craig advised that they have been doing lots of shop work and snowplowing. He advised the Committee that half load have come into effect today until May 15th and advised that the fluctuating weather has been very impactful on the roads this year and they have already put a substantial amount of gravel on the roads to fix potholes this year.

2. Poulton Place Public Meeting Date and Discussion

Staff advised that we have heard back from four of the six landowners regarding this project at this time and the Committee decided to set a public meeting date of March 20th, 2023 at 6:30pm to meet with the landowners. We will send an invitation out to all six landowners to attend the meeting.

3. County of Dufferin using 5th Line OS & 4th Line NE as Detour Route while County Road 21 is closed for Bridge Rehabilitation

Craig advised that he has been talking to the County and they need to close County Road 21 from 4th Line NE and 5th Line OS for approximately a month and a half to replace the bridge on this section of road before paving. The Committee was okay with this but would like to discuss lowering the speed limit on the 5th Line OS at the next meeting.

4. County Road 124 and Melancthon – Nottawasaga Townline Intersection Construction

The Committee discussed whether we want the culvert replaced and upgraded at the Townline on the West side in case we ever wanted to open the road allowance there. The Committee does not have a preference as they don't know that that portion of road would ever be opened.

5. 5th Line OS – Highway 89 to Highway 10 – Development of Unopened Road Allowance

It was discussed that the road would need to be widened and the base will have to be redone as it does not have a good base currently. The Committee advised that the owner would be responsible for all costs associated with upgrading the road to Township standards. Staff was directed to reach out and advise the owner of this.

6. Discussion on Purchasing a Used Grader

Craig advised the Committee that he has been in contact with our grader repair company and discussing the possibility of purchasing a used grader. The Committee asked for Craig to invite them to the next roads meeting to discuss our options.

7. Prioritizing Road Safety and Project Principles – Mapping Exercise

The Committee discussed that each member would take a map and highlight it and bring it back to next meeting for discussion. We discussed what principles they would like to follow for paving, gravel and speed limit reduction.

8. Other/Additions

None.

9. Unfinished Business

1. Entrance and Road Upgrades on 5th Line (Asaph)

No update at this time.

Delegations

9:30 a.m. – Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager, Dina Lundy, CAO and Clinton Stredwick, Planner; Township of Southgate – Melancthon-Southgate Townline and 240 Sideroad

Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager for the Township of Southgate spoke to the Committee about the possibility of Melancthon selling them a small portion of the unopened road allowance of 240 Sideroad between Highway 10 and 2nd Line SW. The Committee asked the Township of Southgate to provide us with a formal request to purchase this land and then we will discuss it at the next Roads meeting and then it will be directed to Council for decision.

10:00 a.m. - Doug Childs, Melancthon Resident: Proposal of a Stop Sign at the Intersection of 4th Line SW and 240 Sideroad due to Safety Concerns

Doug Childs, resident of Melancthon Township brought forward his concerns regarding speeding on 4th Line SW with big trucks and asked the Committee if a stop sign could be put at the Southgate Melancthon Boundary where it changes from pavement to gravel. The Committee also discussed making this a no truck road. Staff was directed to reach out to Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager for the Township of Southgate to see if they would be agreeable to putting a stop sign here as this is also there section of road and we would both have to pass by-laws for this.

Recommendation to Council

None.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that all actions of the Members and Officers of the Roads Sub-Committee with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Sub-Committee on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; and each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Sub-Committee Members at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
Carried.

Adjournment

10:11 a.m. - Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again on March 20th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY