

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held a meeting on September 14th, 2023, at 9:30 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 and Kaitlin Dinnick, Roads Sub-Committee Secretary.

Call to Order

Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair McLean shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that the minutes of Roads Sub-Committee Meeting held on May 29th, 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 replacing road crossings and have completed five, as well as taking the trucks in for their annual safety's. There have been three accidents in the Township that have required road closures recently and they have been working on brushing and replacing signs. The winter sand is also coming this week. Craig has

spoken to Cox Construction, and they are hoping to start some of our paving projects on Thursday and are going to be starting with 15 Sideroad.

2. Approval of the Environmental Sustainability Committee Minutes from October 7, 2022

Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson be it resolved that the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting held on October 7th, 2022, be approved as presented.

3. Email from Fred Mertz regarding the Horning's Mills Pedzones

Acting Sergeant Button from the Dufferin OPP was in attendance and commented on Mr. Mertz's suggestion. He advised that this is not something that the OPP does as there is a large amount of valuable equipment in the cruisers and it is also a logistics issue. The Dufferin OPP does not have extra cruisers sitting around a lot of the time they are trying to ensure they have enough vehicles for Officers to drive. The Committee also commented that if this was feasible, it would still only be seasonal like the ped zones, as they could not park the car on the roadside during the winter.

4. Email from Robert Logan requesting a stop sign at 10th Line NE and 240 Sideroad

This was discussed and the Committee determined that based on the Road Counter data provided by the Township Roads Department, the data does not warrant a four way stop at this intersection.

5. River Road Motorcycle Accident Sign

The Committee discussed these signs as the Township has already purchased them. It was discussed that we should reach out to the Township of Mulmur to see if they want to put one of the signs further up River Road as we have two and that maybe the signs should say the number of accidents instead of deaths since there have been no deaths on this road in the past five years.

6. Poulton Place Update

Staff advised that the roadwork is complete and a By-law to assume the road will be on the next Council Meeting agenda.

7. Road Safety Updates

Chair McLean spoke to this and asked the Committee to get their ideas for the 2024 budget together to discuss at the next meeting. The possibility of changing all the roads

in the Township to a 60 km/hr speed limit was brought up and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8. Winter Afternoon Shift

Craig asked the Committee about how late they are wanting the afternoon shift to run through the evening. The Committee gave Craig comments on staffing and asked him to review his staffing needs and to bring them back for the 2024 budget discussions.

9. Email from Marshall Family regarding speeding on 2nd Line SW

Acting Sergeant Button from the Dufferin OPP spoke to this and advised that there is an open traffic incident for this section of road and that it is being monitored and patrolled often. The Committee suggested getting new radar signs as well as supporting the expansion of the traffic department at the OPP for more enforcement.

10. Email from Stephanie Maxwell regarding speeding on 2nd Line SW

This was discussed under General Business Item 9.

11. Discussion about Shelburne Potential Bypass (Member White)

Member White spoke to this and advised that this will be something discussed in the future and that it would be beneficial for the Township to have a plan for what they would be open to seeing if the bypass went through Melancthon. It was suggested that we should have an option a and b to put forward at that time.

12. Other/Additions

None.

13. Unfinished Business

1. Prioritizing Road Safety and Project Principles – Mapping Exercise

This item was deferred.

Delegations

10:00 a.m. - Heather Little – State Position on why a building permit should be issued for 525097 5 Sideroad

Heather Little, Realtor was here to discuss her client wanting to purchase 525097 5 Sideroad and upgrading the road to municipal standards in order to have the Township

issue a building permit. The Committee advised her that we just did this in Corbetton with Poulton Place, and it would be at the owner's expense to upgrade the road to municipal standards. Craig was directed to set up a meeting with Heather at the road to discuss the road work required, to estimate costing.

Recommendation to Council

There were no recommendations to Council.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson 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

11:25 a.m. - Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again at the Call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY