

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held a meeting on February 5th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: James McLean, Chair, Bill Neilson, Vice-Chair (Virtual) and Member Darren White (Virtual). Also present were: Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent, Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Roads Sub-Committee Secretary.

Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (to be conducted by Secretary)

Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that James McLean be appointed as the Chair of the Roads Sub-Committee of the Township of Melancthon. Carried

Moved by White, Seconded by McLean, that Bill Neilson be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Roads Sub-Committee of the Township of Melancthon. Carried

Call to Order

Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair McLean shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Addition: School Buses Being Passed by Cars

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or Conflict of Interest

None.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that the minutes of Roads Sub-Committee Meeting held on December 4th, 2023, be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence Items

None.

General Business

1. Update from Public Works Superintendent

Craig advised the Committee that it has been an easy winter so far, the Public Works Department has been working on remodeling the shop, fixing signs, and getting Grader 2 ready for the transmission replacement. They are trying to do some grading but cannot do much with the roads when they are frozen.

2. Update from Police Service Board Chair (Al Blundell)

Chair Blundell updated the Committee that the OPP Strategic Plan has been released and will be available on the Township Website after the Police Service Board meeting next week. The Strategic Plan focuses on community engagement. This will be placed in the Council Agenda Package once approved by the Police Service Board.

3. Proposal for a Paid Duty Officer in 2024 from Al Blundell, Police Service Board Chair

Al Blundell spoke to the Committee regarding his proposal and explained that this would be an overtime assignment for Officers who could sign up for these shifts to patrol in Melancthon. He also explained that we would be able to choose where we would like this paid officer to patrol in the Township. The estimated annual cost for this would be \$20,000, and some of this cost could be recouped through fines. Attached is a copy of the Proposal.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we consider the proposal for a paid duty officer in 2024 from Al Blundell, Police Service Board Chair during budget discussions.

4. Discussion on Resuming the Road Safety Taskforce

The Committee discussed quick wins that they could focus on at the next meeting. Some of the potential quick wins discussed were black cat training for staff to assist OPP, extending the community safety zone in Corbetton to encompass the new homes built on the West End, extending the community safety zone to encompass the entire main street of Horning's Mills and make this whole stretch of road a 40km/hr speed limit. Sidewalks connecting Fieldway Court and Oldfield Court to the Village was

discussed, as well as Community engagement to raise awareness on speeding and road safety. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

5. Reducing Speed Limits to 60km/hr on Township Roads

Member White spoke to this and did not agree with making all roads in the Township 60km/hr as all this does it create a larger speeding problem and he thinks that it makes more sense to lower speed limits on specific roads to handle specific issues. Acting Sergeant R. Button agreed with Member White that this would not be a good solution as it would create more speeders. It was discussed that we could post "shocker" statistics on our electronic sign at the Township Office to bring awareness to speeding.

6. Other/Additions

School Buses being Passed by Cars

Member White brought forward for discussion the issue of school buses being passed by cars in Corbetton on a daily basis and advised he has been receiving a lot of complaints. Discussion ensued about the red tape around the installation of cameras on school buses at the Provincial level. Member White is also going to add this item to the Police Service Board Agenda for their next meeting.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that the Township work with the surrounding Municipalities on an advocacy strategy to improve bus safety including but not limited to the installation of cameras.

Acting Sergeant R. Button – Dufferin OPP

Acting Sergeant R. Button brought forward a concern with the No Heavy Trucks By-law as he is reviewing all the By-laws for Municipalities in Dufferin County as the OPP is having issues enforcing these By-laws in Court. He advised that our By-law is enforceable, however it was suggested that the 11,000kg gross weight only deals with very large trucks and should be lowered to cover all commercial motor vehicles.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we review the Township's No Heavy Trucks By-law.

Recommendation to Council

Recommendations are outlined above.

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

9:56 a.m. - Moved by Neilson, Seconded by White that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again on Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY