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Town Hall on Public Safety & Road Safety



AGENDA



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Introduction & welcome

Darren White, Mayor, Township of Melancthon

Melancthon's investments in road safety

James McLean, Deputy Mayor, Township of Melancthon

Vehicle theft, road safety & crime prevention

Michael di Pasquale, Inspector, O.P.P.

Q&A with the public

Wrap up

Some basic truths



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- There is no “silver bullet” approach to stopping dangerous driving and speeding
- A combination of measures can have an impact, but will not reduce incidences to zero
- Law enforcement are part of the solution, but can’t be expected to do it all
- Council is committed to addressing the issue, but the problem can’t be entirely addressed through policy
- Speeding and dangerous driving is not only coming from drivers outside of our community; some residents contribute to the problem

We ALL have the responsibility to drive safely; each of us must be part of the solution

Education & Awareness



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Canada Road Safety Week | May 14 - 20, 2024



ROAD SAFETY

Every road
Every day
Everyone

You will save lives

DON'T DRIVE:

- x** drug-impaired
- x** alcohol-impaired
- x** fatigue-impaired
- x** distracted
- x** aggressively
- x** without a seat belt

Pedestrian Zone Signs



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- First launched as a pilot in 2022
- Low cost method used across Ontario/Quebec to reduce speed
- Affixed to the ground from May until October
- **Results:** Significant reduction in excess speeding on Main Street



Pedestrian Zone Signs



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40 km/h zone

Goal: Increase motorists travelling 40-45 km/h

Reduce motorists travelling excessive speeds (50km/h and above)

Speed	Before PED Zone signs	After Ped Zone signs	Percentage difference
40 km/h	617	1,315	72% increase
45 km/h	698	1,164	50% increase
50 km/h – 60 km/h	2,260	1,141	66% decrease
60 km/h +	383	81	130% decrease

Black Cat Radar



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- Purchased in 2022
- Collects traffic speed data on passing vehicles
- Data can be downloaded by the OPP to identify areas with higher number of speeders



Paid Duty Officers



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- Beginning in 2024, Melancthon has hired a paid duty officer
- The focus will be on preventing dangerous driving
- Council will request officers to be located at different spots around the Township, using Black Cat radar as a guide



Speed reduction



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- Expansion of Community Safety Zones around hamlets
- Reduction of speed on some roads to enhance safety, encourage motorists to use highways and County roads



Provincial Highway 10 Study



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- County Council joined Town of Caledon to formally requested a study of Highway 10 from Caledon to Dundalk
- Study is assessing traffic volume and additional safety measures
- County and Township are waiting on results of the study



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- Meeting with Mennonite leaders in early May
- County of Dufferin Road Safety Guide
- Signage
- Road widening in the future



Other options

- Automated Speed Cameras
 - Cost, Community Safety Zones
- Traffic lights at Hwy 10 & CTY RD 17
 - Provincial jurisdiction
- Speed humps
 - Only available in areas on level ground and straightaways
 - Impact on first responders



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