

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held a meeting on May 6th, 2024, 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 9:32 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair McLean shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Additions

- 1) Reduction of Speed Limit on 15 Sideroad from County Road 124 to Mulmur-Melancthon Townline (Denise Holmes)
- 2) Shelburne By-Pass (Vice-Chair Neilson)

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 Neilson, Seconded by White that the minutes of Roads Sub-Committee Meeting held on April 8th, 2024, be approved as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes

None.

Correspondence Items

Chair McLean asked Public Works Superintendent Craig Micks if he was able to pick up the garbage that they were emailed about this morning and Craig advised it had already been dealt with.

General Business

1. Update from Public Works Superintendent

Craig advised the Committee that they have been working on grading as much as they can to get the roads ready for spring gravel and calcium. He advised that the maintenance to the Horning's Mills Ball Diamond, would be completed by the end of day today. He also let the Committee know that the street sweeper will be going through Horning's Mills tomorrow and that the ped zones will be put up soon after.

2. Debrief on Town Hall and Next Steps

Chair McLean spoke about the Town Hall Meeting and advised that the big take away from the meeting was the importance of being more transparent and communicating better with the community. The Committee talked about ways that this can be improved, and it was discussed that the OPP are good about posting on social media. However, as discussed at the meeting a lot of information is confidential. Staff was directed to post the OPP quarterly statistics to a separate spot on the Township Website and share this link to the Township Facebook page.

3. Update on Meeting with Mennonite Community

15 Members of the Mennonite Community attended the meeting last week to discuss road safety. It was left that we would reconvene with them and invite representatives from the County of Dufferin, Dufferin OPP and the MTO.

4. Social Media Posts for Canada Road Safety Week

Chair McLean spoke to the draft posts that were in the agenda package for road safety week. The Committee agreed that they are okay with the posts and staff was directed to post them throughout road safety week.

5. Other/Additions

1. Reduction of Speed Limit on 15 Sideroad from County Road 124 to Mulmur-Melancthon Townline (Denise Holmes)

Staff brought forward that while we are changing the speed limits in the Village & Hamlets in the Township that we should maybe consider lowering the speed limit on 15 Sideroad from County Road 124 to the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline as the speed limit is currently 80km/hr. The Committee discussed lowering the speed limit to 40km/hr for the entire stretch of 15 Sideroad or just the paved portion of 15 Sideroad, as it is being rehabilitated this year.

Recommendation:

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we lower the speed limit on 15 Sideroad from County Road 124 to after the first bend where the pavement ends to 40km/hr.

2. Shelburne By-pass (Vice-Chair Neilson)

Vice-Chair Neilson brought this forward as it is on the County Council agenda for next week to discuss. Vice-Chair Neilson advised that he is not supportive of what they are currently proposing and wanted the Committee to discuss options that we could suggest. The Committee would prefer that the 5th Line OS between Highway 89 and Highway 10 be used as the by-pass as they feel that makes the most sense.

6. Unfinished Business

1. Discussion on Township Tree Program for 2025

Denise advised that she spoke to Mulmur and Mono regarding their tree programs and marked it in her calendar to touch base with them both in September about possibly partnering with them for 2025.

2. Entrance Request on the 7th Line SW from Ajeet Sran

This item was deferred based on the direction from Council last Thursday.

Delegations

10:00 a.m. – Aaron Bauman – Proposal to open up 300 Sideroad Further to Accommodate better Building Site Options on Properties

Aaron Bauman spoke to the Committee about opening up 300 Sideroad for him to build off of as the Shelburne Well is at the front of his property on 2nd Line SW making it difficult to build off of 2nd Line SW. It was discussed that the Wind Company built up this road when they were installing wind turbines. Craig advised that the road is in good shape and can be opened now and that he will schedule gravel to be put on this section of road in the 2025 budget. Staff was directed to check if they need to pass a by-law to open this road as it is just a no winter maintenance road currently.

Acting Sergeant R. Button – Dufferin OPP

Acting Sergeant R. Button was unable to attend the meeting.

Recommendation to Council

Recommendation is outlined above.

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

10:25 a.m. - Moved by White, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY