



TOWNSHIP OF  
**Melancthon**

## **TOWN HALL MEETING**

### **Public Consultation on Road Safety for Horse & Buggies**

Horning's Mills Community Hall  
14 Mill Street, Melancthon, Ontario  
Thursday October 24, 2024  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Melancthon Council & Staff
- County of Dufferin: Dufferin County Public Works representative(s)
- Ministry of Transportation (MTO)
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP): Michael DiPasquale, Commander, Dufferin County Detachment
- Members of Mennonite Community

#### **AGENDA**

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions**  
*Led by James McLean, Deputy Mayor, Township of Melancthon*  
*Land Acknowledgement Statement delivered by Bill Neilson, Councillor, Township of Melancthon*
- 6:10 p.m. Overview of County's proposed approach**  
*Led by a County of Dufferin representative*
- 6:20 p.m. Overview of OPP's lessons learned**  
*Led by Michael Di Pasquale, Commander, Dufferin County Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police*

**6:35 p.m. Facilitated discussion – several questions are provided to frame the conversation:**

Participants will be invited to provide insight on the following questions:

1. What are the primary destinations for horse and buggy operators when using public roadways?
2. What are the main purposes for travel on these roads?
3. Which routes are most preferred by these users, and why?
4. Are there specific times or days of the week when community members tend to travel more frequently?
5. What are the key challenges faced by horse and buggy operators while traveling on public roadways? (While some of these challenges may seem apparent, we are seeking further insight based on direct experience.)
6. Are there any regulations or restrictions that govern the design or operation of horse-drawn carriages in your community?
7. How do operators ensure that other drivers are aware of their presence on the road?
8. What safety precautions do members of your community take while traveling on public roadways?
9. How would you describe motorists' attitudes towards horse-drawn carriages?
10. Any other information, comments or context that can be provided?

**7:45 p.m. Public Question Period (if necessary)**

**7:55 p.m. Summary, next steps & wrap up**  
*Led by Ruth Plowright, Councillor, Township of Melancthon*

**8:00 p.m. Adjourn**