

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

The Township of Melancthon Roads Sub-Committee held a meeting on September 16th, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The following members were present: James McLean, and Bill Neilson, Vice-Chair. Also present were: Craig Micks, Public Works Superintendent, Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, and Kaitlin Dinnick, Roads Sub-Committee Secretary. Member Darren White was absent.

On-Site in Horning's Mills to look at Sidewalks – Meet at the Horning's Mills Hall at 9:30 a.m.

The Committee met in Horning's Mills and looked at the Sidewalks.

Call to Order

Chair McLean called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair McLean shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean 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 McLean that the minutes of Roads Sub-Committee Meeting held on August 19th, 2024, 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 they have been doing some ditching on Mill Lane and the Cul-de-sac (George, Addeson and Lloyd Street) prior to Cox Construction doing the paving. Craig advised that the pavement was wider on the Cul-de-sac (George, Addeson and Lloyd Street) than he thought so it will likely come in a bit higher than the tender quote. Craig advised that the winter sand is going to start going in tomorrow and that Cox Construction is hoping to start our road work by the end of the week. Craig advised that the Bridge on 4th Line NE work is about a month behind schedule and that he is going to meet with Synapse Communications later this week regarding the rehabilitation work they have been completing.

2. 2024 Road Projects Update

This was discussed under General Business item 1.

3. Proposed 2025 Capital Projects

Chair McLean spoke to this and advised that he had been speaking with Sarah Culshaw, Treasurer, about this and she is going to come up with a plan on how we are going to afford some of the higher impact years. It was also discussed that on some of the lower impact years we might be able to move some of the bridge work around.

4. Black Cat and Road Counter Data – River Road and 5th Line OS

The Committee reviewed the traffic counter information and were surprised that it appeared that the traffic was higher on River Road throughout the week. The violation rates were substantial on both roads and there was discussions around lowering the speed limit on 5th Line OS.

Recommendation

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we engage the public and lower the speed limit on the 5th Line OS to 60 km/hr in 2025 and include the costing of this in the 2025 budget.

5. Email from Krys & Debra Jones regarding Motorcycle Accidents on River Road

Chair McLean asked Denise Holmes CAO/Clerk if we had heard back from the Township of Mulmur regarding our motion about working together on River Road Traffic Enforcement and she advised that Mulmur just received our motion and did not take action. Chair McLean is going to respond to Krys and Debra Jones email.

6. Update from Al Blundell

Al Blundell gave an update on the heat map that was sent out by the OPP and there was discussion around the success of the Paid Duty Officer and the continuation of the project in 2025.

Recommendation

The Roads Sub-Committee recommends to Council that we discuss adding funding in the 2025 budget for the paid duty officer project to continue.

7. Other/Additions

Meeting with the Mennonite Community

Chair McLean advised that the County of Dufferin has set out a framework for a strategy to handle the road safety of the Mennonite Community. It was discussed that we should aim to have a follow up meeting with the Mennonite Community in Mid-October and have it as a Special Council Meeting so that all of Council is able to attend if they wish. Chair McLean would like an agenda to be circulated for the meeting so that it will help guide questions.

Recommendations to Council

Above.

Public Question Period

None.

Confirmation Motion

Moved by Neilson, Seconded by McLean 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

11:14 a.m. - Moved by McLean, Seconded by Neilson that we adjourn this Roads Sub-Committee meeting to meet again on October 7th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY