



ROADS SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (RSC)
July 27th, 2020 - 10:00 am / Zoom

Present: Brian Whitney - Chair
Cheryl Russel – Vice Chair
Ken Cufaro
Yvonne Graf
John Willmetts – Director of Public Works
Adam Hicks – Secretary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. 10:09am

B. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Russel Seconded by Cufaro

THAT the minutes of the March 9th, 2020 meeting be approved as copied and circulated. Carried.

Member Russel suggested to amend section d in current business from the previous minutes to include that there were no reported accidents in 2019 on roads with collected data.

C. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

The Chair stated that if any member had a disclosure of pecuniary interest that they could declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

D. Delegations – None

E. Current Business

a) Traffic Bylaw Update

Director of Public Works John Willmetts advised the Committee that signs will be posted shortly reflecting the changes made in the updated traffic bylaw. The updated traffic bylaw was received by the Committee.

b) Speed data/Speed Trailer Recommendations

Director of Public Works John Willmetts presented the speed test data from 2nd Line. He noted that traffic flow on 2nd Line East should be back to normal with the River Road bridge completion. Member Russel has noticed an increase in car racing and Chair Whitney recommends that the speed trailer test be completed on days where the weather is similar. The Committee would like to collect data on 20th Sideroad and 4th Line before the speed limit signs are installed and after installation to compare data. Director of Public Works John Willmetts will talk to Dufferin County about posting the speed trailer on County roads. Member Russel would like to see the speed trailer posted in Honeywood.

c) Approaches to Setting speed limits

The Townships approach to setting speed limits is to use a formula provided by Simcoe County to set limits based on driveways, curves, hills and other factors.

d) Paid Duty Stats

Member Cufaro provided an update from the OPP and they are aware of troublesome areas. Member Russel has notice that there has been a change on the weekends since the paid duty officers have been patrolling. Member Russel provided a summary of the paid duty stats to the Committee. Member Cufaro asked the OPP to be more visible in our Township even if they are not paid duty.

e) Traffic Calming

Member Russel stated signage does not seem to work unless you are in a residential area. Speed bumps can be a hazard and vehicles may try to avoid them. The Committee agrees that there has been substantial change made on Mulmur roads within the first two years of the Committee and Council. The Committee does not see the possibility in the Township for narrowing roads or other traffic calming measures that are used in hamlets or residential areas in other Municipalities. Director of Public Works John Willmetts will be contacting Dufferin County and Simcoe County to setup emergency detour routes within the Township.

F. Information Items

a) 2nd Line Racing Letter

Secretary to respond to resident thanking them for taking the time to write. The problem was likely an abnormality due to the River Road bridge being closed.

b) ATV's on Road Letter

The Committee discussed that farmers can presently operate ATVs on the roads in Mulmur. Information provided by the province advises that ATV's are illegal on our roads and we do not have to pass a bylaw. The Committee also discussed that if you pass a bylaw to permit ATVs to operate on the roads, you risk the probability of neighbouring Township ATV clubs using Mulmur roads. Chair Whitney has no desire to allow ATVs on the roads because there is already enough noise and safety concerns without allowing more vehicles. Secretary to respond to resident thanking them for taking the time to write.

c) Intersection of Centre Road & County Road 21 Letter

Secretary to respond to resident thanking them for taking the time to write and we will send the information to the County.

G. Items for Future Meetings

Tow truck industry, paid duty.

H. Adjournment

Moved by Whitney Seconded by Russel

THAT we do now adjourn at 11:35am and agree to meet again at the call of the Chair for late September.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary