



ROADS SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (RSC)
November 18th, 2020 – 1:00 pm / Zoom

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

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 1:11 pm.

B. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Russel Seconded by Cufaro

THAT the minutes of the July 27th, 2020 meeting be approved as copied and circulated.
Carried.

C. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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

D. Delegations – None

E. Current Business

a) Traffic Calming/ Bike Routes

Chair Whitney discussed Vision Zero, a current philosophy and approach to road sharing & safety. There was a discussion regarding bike routes, Councillor Cufaro provided an update from Council regarding the motion from the Economic Development Committee to grant the signage and map contract to Christian Beausoleil and that it still has to go back to Council.

Motion: That the Road Safety Committee would be involved in the ongoing discussion on the bike routes. Cufaro moved, Seconded by Russell

b) Speed Data

Director of Public Works John Willmetts verbally presented the speed test data and statistics of 20th Sideroad and 4th line and made note that the weather was clear and could be compared to summer travel. John presented the comparisons from before and after the new speed limit signs were introduced -- making note that the average speed increased. John will create the graphs and send the data to the members. Also, John will send out the comparisons regarding 2018 vs 2020 and collect data for 2021 at the same locations.

c) Emergency Detour Routes

Director of Public Works John Willmetts provided a verbal update on the emergency detour routes. John informed the Committee that he is looking to push the County to update the emergency detour routes so that the regulated maps are auto picking up the emergency detour routes. Additionally,

John will push to get Scott Burns engaged on lower the speed limit on Airport Rd from 80 to 60 in high risk areas entering Mansfield.

F. Information Items

a) Staff Report on ATV

The Committee received a report from Christine Hickey to Council regarding the updates to the legislative changes introduced to the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) and *Off-Road Vehicles Act* (ORVA), related to ORVs on municipally owned roads. The Committee is in full support of the bylaw being drafted for the December Council meeting.

b) Paid duty statistics (July, August, September)

The Committee received an update on the paid duty stats for the months of July, August, September. Vice-Chair Russel clarified the total spent to date on OPP paid duty and noted that there was an increase in OPP presence. Councillor Cufaro informed the Committee that Council is increasing the amount of paid duty for 2021 by \$1000.

c) Letter for Supporting Road Safety

Graham Jones was in attendance to talk about the letter he wrote to the Committee. He noted that improved signage on roads are good and made a plea to the Committee to make mention of the difficulty to drive the full speed limit safely in the curvy sections from 2nd Line to the 20th Sideroad and the danger it posed to cyclists sharing the road. Chair Whitney had Graham Jones clarify that he was looking for the committee to have increased enforcement, unified speed limits/lower speed limits from the 2nd to the 20th sideroad. Director John Willmetts referred to the speed data collected on the straight stretch of the road noting that traffic count and average speed of the vehicles are common. The Committee directed Director John Willmetts to gather the speed information right up to the curves of the 2nd line

d) Speed Equipment

Vice-Chair Russel asked Councillor Cufaro about Black Cat's speed measurement devices. Director John Willmetts informed our committee that our current devices are capable of the same information but are labour heavy to calibrate. The important thing is they are measuring volume and speed. The Committee directed John to ask Scott Burns to get the speed indicator on the county roads.

G. Items for Future Meetings

Bike routes, Second line to 20th speed lower in curves, Speed reports - Scott burns, complaints,

H. Adjournment

Moved by Russell Seconded by Graf

THAT we do now adjourn at 3:11 and agree to meet again 3rd week of January Carried.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary