



## **ROADS SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (RSC)**

February 8th, 2021 – 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

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### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order 1:02 pm.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Cufaro Seconded by Russel

**THAT the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting be approved as copied and circulated.**  
**Carried.**

### **3. 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.

### **4. Delegations – None**

### **5. Current Business**

#### **5.1) Speed Reduction Proposal**

Kathryn Allan was in attendance regarding her letter written to the Roads Safety Committee. There was discussion on the topic of a speed reduction from 80 to 60 on Sideroad 17 and 5<sup>th</sup> line as well as the community area. The Committee provided the residents in attendance with a background of the Committee and previous speed reductions. The Director of Public Works provided historical volume information from the area from 2004 that the daily volume was 116 cars per day.

Moved by Russel Seconded by Cufaro

**Motion: That the Road Safety Committee recommends to Council that the existing speed of 60 Km/h be reduced to 50 Km/h in the Big Tree Circle residential area and extend the 50 km/h limit out to Airport Road along Sideroad 17.**

**Carried**

#### **5.2) Speed Data**

Vice-Chair Russel verbally presented speed data that was derived from the data presented by Director of Public Works John Willmetts at the November Road Safety committee meeting. There was a discussion on the timing of the traffic data during the Covid-19 outbreak regarding irregular traffic conditions and data, such as average speed increasing with lower speed limits. The committee agreed on and asked the Director of Public Works to hold off on the data collection on the particular roads for a year to get more reliable year to year traffic data.

Member Cufaro additionally informed the Committee on the availability of an online traffic complaint system run by the Ontario Provincial Police that residents can use. The Committee asked Secretary Early if the OPP Traffic complaint link can be provided to residents through the monthly newsletter circulation.

### **5.3) County Roads Update**

Director of Public Works John Willmetts verbally presented what he has received from the County of Dufferin Public Works Director Scott Burns regarding County Roads. He informed the Committee that the Township has permission to put up the speed trailer and traffic counters on County roads. The Committee asked the Director of Public Works to gather speed data at the top of the west side of "Honeywood Hill" in response to it being a high accident area.

### **5.4) Photo Radar Letter**

The Road Safety Committee received the letter that was endorsed at the February Council meeting. There was a discussion on Photo Radar in Mulmur. The costs of the program would be too expensive for the Township to take on by itself and would have to rely on the province, cost share with another municipality or an agreement with a third party to provide funds and facilitation. The Committee agreed that at this time they would not seek photo radar but will do more research and gather data for a future discussion.

## **6. Information Items**

### **6.1) Frank Cowan Insurance Cycling Report**

The Road Safety Committee Received the Frank Cowan Report on cycling routes in Mulmur Township. Director of Public Works provided a quick overview of the report reiterating the key points of the report including: If the Township invites riders than certain standards must be met as well as increased liability from endorsing the roads as bike routes. Member Cufaro provided the direction that Council is to install share the roads signs on the Township roads.

Moved by Russel Seconded by Whitney

**Motion: That the Road Safety Committee supports the road initiatives taken by Council to not endorse roads as bike routes and to install share the road signage.**

**Carried**

### **6.2) Paid Duty Officer**

There was a discussion on the paid duty officer and traffic enforcement. The discussion consisted of the procedural process of Council directing the Officer at an upcoming Council. Following the discussion was a conversation on locations that would best serve the community with advice by The Director of Public Works. The Committee asked the following locations for traffic enforcement be included:

- 1) River Road from Terra Nova to Hornings Mills
- 2) 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad from Terra Nova to Airport Road
- 3) 17<sup>th</sup> sideroad and 5<sup>th</sup> Line
- 4) County Road 21 at Honeywood
- 5) County Road 18 at Mansfield

6) 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad

**G. Items for Future Meetings**

Speed radar info, Photo radar discussion, Speed trailer updates, Speed data, Community outreach

**H. Adjournment**

Moved by Cufaro Seconded by Russel

**THAT we do now adjourn at 2:24 PM and agree to meet again May 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM  
Carried.**

**Approved by:**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**