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May 10, 2021
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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approval of Past Minutes**

Motion by: seconded by:

THAT the Minutes of February 8, 2021 be approved.
CARRIED

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest -**

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8. Adjournment

Motion by: **seconded by:**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at with the next meeting being scheduled for _____, or at the call of the chair.

CARRIED



STAFF REPORT

TO: Road Safety Committee
FROM: Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk
MEETING DATE: May 10, 2021
SUBJECT: Traffic Calming Update

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of actions taken by Council under the direction of the Road Safety Committee.

BACKGROUND:

On March 3, 2021 Council passed the following motion:

Moved by Cufaro and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a by-law that would reduce the existing speed of 60 km/h 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

On April 7, 2021 Council passed By-Law No. 26-2021 to amend the Traffic By-law.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

None

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Knechtel

Roseann Knechtel, Deputy Clerk and Planning Coordinator

From: Christine Koehler
Sent: March-12-21 3:08 PM
To: Info
Cc: Christine Koehler Trevor Shelley
Subject: Hidden Driveway sign

Hello, who can I make a request to please to establish a 'hidden driveway sign' and 'reduce the speed'?

My husband and I reside at 587499 10 Sideroad, Mulmur, Ontario L9V 0S4 and the speed is 80km just outside our driveway on 10 Sideroad. We are nestled at the bottom of the hill and because of this a 'hidden driveway sign' at the top of the hill MAY assist in informing drivers to reduce their speed; because we are turning in and out of our driveway at no to low speeds. Also, because of this, a reduction of road speed to 50km 100 metres before and after our entrance driveway would also be valid consideration.

There is some trepidation while exiting our driveway to enter 10 Sideroad, as drivers in fly by at more than 110km up & down that hill. This morning a truck pulling horses was flying by.

Can you forward this request accordingly and kindly let me know next steps?

Kind Regards,



March 5, 2021

Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor 777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

Dear Madame Minister:

I am writing to you about two issues of continuing concern to the Town of Mono.

Highway Traffic Act Set Fines

On June 12, 2019 I wrote to the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice (with a copy to your predecessor Jeff Yurek) asking that she exercise her jurisdiction to raise basic set fines for speeding offences under the Highway Traffic Act. The Chief Justice responded by letter on July 16, 2019 indicating that her authority is usually exercised in response to Ministerial requests. On September 10, 2019 I wrote to you regarding set fines.

Put simply, basic set fines for speeding have not been increased in over 20 years while speeding has become increasingly epidemic on our local roads. As stated in my last letter, *'the amount of the fines should be increased to a level that will provide a deterrent commensurate with the risk such offenders pose to the safety and wellbeing of other drivers and pedestrians.'* Fine revenue only partly offsets municipal policing costs. Moreover, a precipitous decline in fine revenues has occurred over the past year with the closure of POA courts due to COVID 19.

We would ask that your government consider an immediate increase in these fines.

Automated Speed Enforcement

On January 20, 2020 our Deputy Mayor, John Creelman, spoke with you about problems with restrictive regulations that effectively rule out deployment of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in all but urban areas. On January 21, 2020 Mr. Creelman followed up with a detailed email addressed to Ryan Amato of your staff setting forth the specific issues. He followed up with another email to Mr. Amato in late January of this year. We also raised this issue with you during a ROMA delegation meeting.

ASE is currently permitted only in designated Community Safety Zones and where the speed limit does not exceed 79 km/h. For us to consider its deployment in areas of our town and county, we would need to lower speed limits by 1 km/h and declare long stretches of rural roads as Community Safety Zones. Both propositions are clearly absurd and should be unnecessary.

When the Province launched ASE, a spokesperson for the Premier's Office told the CBC "*Municipal governments are in the best position to determine what needs to be done in order to improve road safety on municipal roads.*" We can't agree more. The Town of Mono was one of the first municipalities in Ontario to embrace contract policing with the OPP and augment its level of regular enforcement with an additional part-time officer dedicated primarily to traffic enforcement.

Last year, we contracted with the OPP for additional enforcement over and above what we've had now for 20 years. Despite this, speeding and reckless driving remain a chronic and disturbing reality on many of our roads. ASE should at least be a practical option to consider and not something out of reach due to regulations that work for Toronto but not the rest of Ontario.

Regards,



Laura Ryan
Mayor

cc: Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and MPP Dufferin-Caledon
Mono Police Services Board
Insp. Terry Ward, Detachment Commander, Dufferin OPP
All Dufferin Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

From: jen ditommaso

Date: May 4, 2021 at 1:19:15 PM EDT

To: John Willmetts

Subject: Thank you

Hi there John,

I see that the speed signs have been placed on Airport Rd in Mansfield. I just wanted to email you to say thank you and I appreciate your ear and help.

Take care and stay safe,

Jennifer Ditommaso

Date: March 12, 2021 at 4:41:01 PM EST

To: John Willmetts

Subject: Re: Traffic calming

Perfect!! Thank you so much for all of your help.

Have a great weekend!!

Jen

On Mar 12, 2021, at 1:17 PM, John Willmetts wrote:

Hello Jen.

The Township has 2 signs, I will inform the County that we will be placing the speed signs on County Rd. 18. One by the ballpark for motorist traveling south and one by the water tower for people traveling north.

I know the County will not allow them until thing dry up. Also, we don't want them to be damaged from snow and salt if we happen to get more snow.

Regards

John

-----Original Message-----

From: jen ditommaso

Sent: March 12, 2021 11:58 AM

To: John Willmetts

Subject: Re: Traffic calming

Hi John,

Thanks so much for your prompt reply. I would like to request the traffic calming signs to be placed either north or south of 10th side road on Airport Rd.

Airport Rd, I believed is the most travelled consisting of the majority of speeders.

Thank you again, I did speak with OPP and they stated this was a county issue and to contact you folks first for an answer. 7

In the event you are not able to go forth with this please let me know and I will contact OPP once again

Can you give me more information on what road in Mansfield you are wanting the speed sign.
3 of the roads coming into Mansfield are County Roads.
Dufferin County has given the Township of Mulmur permission to set up our speed signs on their roads.
But I have to follow their protocol I.E. Road Occupancy permit.

Regards

John Willmetts | Director of Public Works Township of Mulmur |

Please note that the Township has declared this an Emergency and all Council meetings will be converted to electronic meetings. Please see our website for more information regarding COVID-19.

-----Original Message-----

From: jen ditommaso

Sent: March-10-21 2:13 PM

Subject: Traffic calming

Hi there,

As the nice weather begins to increase so will the fast cars in our area.

I am wondering which department is responsible for traffic calming and could I request a temporary traffic calming speed sign to be place in Mansfield, with entering of the posted speed limit 50km/h.

I am aware I may need to request the help of OPP for this matter however I thought I would go to the township first.

With the traffic calming sign posting people's speeds thru this small corner, may hopefully promote the presence of OPP to have to begin enforcing the limit as people are regularly not adhering to the 50km/h. I am hopefully being proactive here by requesting this marker first as opposed to having an officer, who could be doing more important things other than traffic enforcement during his difficult shift.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Ditommaso

THAT Council receive the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, 2021 Budget Draft #3;

AND THAT the 2021 Operating and Capital budgets be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Moved by: Horner and Seconded by: Clark

WHEREAS Covid-19 restrictions have reduced the usage of recreational facilities;

AND WHEREAS continued high rates of infection are being seen in our health region despite current lock-down;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur desires to maintain recreational facilities and provide programs scaled in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions, in a cost effective manner to its tax payers;

Now therefore be it resolved THAT Council request that the NDCC consider all options to minimize facility and operational costs during the current and anticipate extended lock-down status.

CARRIED

3.0 DEPUTATIONS AND INVITATIONS – none

4.0 PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works provided an updated regarding the January 12 Cycling meeting and the cycling meeting direction to utilize “share the road” approach. Public Works also provided an update regarding the 9th Sideroad given roads. Council expressed support for a bike trail and the promotion of natural routes. Discussion also ensued regarding the cost of signage opposed to engineering review.

Staff advised that the water leak in the North-East corner of Mansfield has been fixed.

The following motion was introduced

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT Council direct staff to prepare into an agreement with the Mansfield Presbyterian Church to purchase a 20m ROW at a cost of \$2.00 for a portion of the 9th Sideroad.

CARRIED

5.0 TREASURY

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Introduces Legislation to Take Action Against Stunt Driving and Street Racing

Proposed legislation would also strengthen provincial oversight of the towing sector

April 26, 2021

[Ministry of Transportation](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government is taking strong action to protect road users against unsafe and aggressive driving with the introduction of the *Moving Ontarians More Safely Act, 2021*, also known as the MOMS Act. The proposed legislation will introduce new measures to combat high-risk driving and improve road safety, including longer driver's licence suspensions and longer vehicle impoundment periods for drivers who engage in stunt driving, street racing and aggressive driving.

The Ontario government introduced the MOMS Act in the legislature earlier today.

“Both as Minister of Transportation and a parent to driving-aged teens, I am extremely concerned by the rising numbers of young drivers in Ontario caught stunt driving, street racing and driving aggressively,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “By increasing driver's licence suspensions and vehicle impoundment periods, the MOMS Act sends a clear message to drivers – driving is a privilege and those who threaten the safety of others have no place on our roads.”

If passed by the legislature, the MOMS Act would also introduce measures to protect vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and highway workers, improve truck safety and strengthen the province's oversight of the towing sector by creating the *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021*. This Act would require tow operators, tow truck drivers and vehicle storage operators to be certified, and set new standards for customer protection and roadside behaviours, including penalties for non-compliance.

“The MOMS Act targets the worst actors on our roads by creating escalating suspensions for repeat offenders and setting a lower speed threshold for stunt driving charges on municipal roads,” said Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA). “With this Act, we are taking concrete action to protect people and families on our roads.”

“Stunt driving and street racing are serious threats that have posed a greater risk to our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Solicitor General Sylvia

Jones. "The increased penalties and sanctions proposed under the MOMS Act, along with the creation of the new *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act*, will ensure police services across the province have the tools they need to combat high-risk driving on Ontario's roads."

Quick Facts

- The number of driver's licence suspensions issued at roadside for street racing/stunt driving increased 130 per cent between 2013 and 2019.
- Roadside driver's licence suspensions for street racing/stunt driving increased an additional 52 per cent between March and August 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Nearly five per cent of drivers suspended during this period had one or more previous suspensions in the previous five years.
- Young drivers aged 16-25 represented only 19 per cent of drivers involved in collisions between March and June 2020 but 42 per cent of drivers involved in collisions with a police-recorded speed of 50 kilometres per hour (km/h) or more above the posted limit.

Quotes

"We are pleased to see the release of the MOMS Act. By creating a series of escalating sanctions for aggressive driving behaviours, it will focus the most significant repercussions on those most deserving – those who would completely disregard the law, putting the lives and safety of other road users in jeopardy. It will also create a much-needed regulatory framework for the towing industry – something that has been needed for many years."

- Superintendent Scott Baptist

Unit Commander – Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service

"The Ontario Good Roads Association applauds the steps the Ontario government has taken to address road safety concerns and issues with the Moving Ontarians More Safely Act. This is an important first step toward realizing a future where Ontarians are no longer fatally injured or seriously hurt on our roadways."

- Scott Butler

Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association

"Engaging in stunt driving, racing and speeding is more than just breaking the law. It endangers lives and results in fatalities and injuries on our roads every year. The Moving Ontarians More Safely Act (MOMS) is an important step towards addressing the serious road safety issues created by aggressive drivers and unsafe towing practices."

- Commissioner Thomas Carrique

Ontario Provincial Police

"Towing is a vital service in Ontario. It ensures the safety of motorists and contributes to an efficient provincial transportation network. CAA has been working with the provincial government to recognize issues specific to the towing industry and to identify potential solutions. We applaud today's announcement: by working together with the province of Ontario, CAA is optimistic that provincial legislation to govern the towing industry will address the most pressing issues related to safety and consumer confidence. A reliable and trustworthy towing industry is essential to Ontario. A tow truck licensing system that provides oversight, training and industry standards will establish confidence and keep Ontario's roads safe. Over 2,000 consumers in the province have contacted their local MPP to voice their support for towing legislation through CAA's moresafetows.ca website. Many reputable tow operators in this province already provide safe, honest and professional services. By elevating provincial standards and with regulatory oversight, Ontario further strengthens the profession and inspires greater consumer confidence in the towing industry."

- Teresa Di Felice

AVP Government and Community Relations, CAA South Central Ontario

"Insurance Bureau of Canada and its members have long advocated for much-needed reforms to establish oversight of the towing industry, and have been working with the government and other stakeholders as part of the technical advisory group. We congratulate the government for listening, and taking this bold action."

- Kim Donaldson

Vice-President, Ontario, Insurance Bureau of Canada

"The Provincial Towing Association of Ontario has been leading the towing industry through a provincial licencing model to elevate professionalism in towing. The legislation Premier Ford and Minister Mulroney are announcing today is the framework required to implement a towing industry licencing system. This will provide consumers with the ability to work with qualified towers across Ontario and know they will be taken care of by trained operators. The PTAO supports this legislation and looks forward to working directly with the government for implementation."

- Mark Graves

President, Provincial Towing Association of Ontario

"Although sometimes considered as an inconvenience by drivers, construction zones are workplaces first. Our members have noticed increased incidents of stunt driving, speeding and distracted driving. Initiatives that crack down on stunt driving, that allow for the use of automated flagger devices are important tools that will make construction zones safer for workers and make our roadways safer for all Ontarians."

- Bryan Hocking

Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Road Builders' Association

"Ontario's roads are among the safest in North America in part because of the continuous progress and evolution of enforcement policies on Ontario's highway network. Speed, or travelling too fast for the conditions, is one of the main causes of

fatal collisions on the road. By addressing stunt driving, the Province of Ontario will send a clear message to the public that dangerous driving will not be tolerated. This legislation will also protect the safety of hard-working men and women who move Ontario's freight. Highways are considered workplaces by our industry and are treated with the highest degree of respect by professional truck drivers, who take their safety responsibilities very seriously. Having other road users engaged in stunt driving endangers the physical safety of Ontario's truck driving community and the motoring public they share the road with. OTA applauds the province for escalating enforcement action against this dangerous behaviour."

- Stephen Laskowski
President & CEO, Ontario Trucking Association

"As a GTA police service, we welcome these new provincial measures. Longer suspensions will certainly assist us, and our law enforcement partners, as we continue the fight against street racing and stunt driving on our roadways. We also welcome strengthened oversight for the towing industry, such as certification of operators and customer service standards. As we saw with our own Project Platinum, increasing incidents of violence between rival tow truck companies and competing for control of the towing market must be addressed by provincial regulation."

- Chief Jim MacSween
York Regional Police

"On behalf of the Labourers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), we applaud Minister Mulroney for taking steps to add a critical layer of protection for the men and women who build and maintain Ontario's roads. The health and safety of LIUNA Members remains of paramount concern and this is an essential step forward to enhance road safety and will continue to ensure that the hardworking, highly-skilled members of LIUNA and Ontario's workforce are protected."

- Joseph Mancinelli
VP and Regional Manager of Central and Eastern Canada, LiUNA International

"On behalf of the Ontario Recovery Group and the Canadian Towing Association, I congratulate Minister Mulroney and the Ford government for their commitment to resolve the towing industry issues in Ontario through effective legislation. Consumer protection and highway safety initiatives are long overdue. There is no doubt in my mind that the motoring public in Ontario will also be pleased with this exciting initiative."

- Doug Nelson
Executive Director, Ontario Recovery Group (ORG Inc.)

"We support the changes proposed to better address the public risk related to stunt driving. All road users and enforcement professionals are placed at risk on a daily basis. The action to address the callous disregard for others is applauded. We will be a safer province when these regulations take effect."

- Brian J. Patterson
President and CEO, Ontario Safety League

"In Ontario, driving is a privilege and operating a vehicle on our roadways safely is an important social responsibility that we all have to one another. High speeds, stunt, and aggressive driving have no place on our roads and these behaviours put us all unnecessarily at risk. We applaud these changes and hope they will lead to safer roadways in Ontario."

- Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson
Ontario Provincial Police, Co-Chair OACP Traffic Committee

"I want to thank the Government of Ontario, and in particular Minister Mulroney, for tabling this new legislation. Stunt driving has become a major issue of concern in Mississauga and across all of Peel Region. I strongly believe that this new legislation sends a strong signal that dangerous driving simply won't be tolerated. This is a significant step forward in making our highways safer for all Ontarians."

- Bonnie Crombie
Mayor, City of Mississauga

"Speeding and stunt driving have been longstanding issues in Toronto that have put the lives of pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers at risk. This new proposed legislation by the government will ensure we are holding those who partake in this illegal and dangerous activity accountable and are working together to keep our streets safe for everyone. I hope that the passing of the MOMS Act will be a needed wake-up call for drivers to follow the rules and to be aware of their actions on the road. We all have a role to play in protecting each other on our roads."

- John Tory
Mayor, City of Toronto

Additional Resources

- [Moving Ontarians More Safely Act, 2021](#)

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April 27, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Ministry of Transportation Bill, CSPA Regulations, *Municipal Act* Clarification, and Delegation Requests Open

New Road Safety Legislation

The Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, introduced new road safety legislation in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. The Bill focuses on increasing and escalating penalties for stunt driving and street racing including higher fines, vehicle impoundment, demerit points, license suspensions, and mandatory courses.

The Bill also includes new changes aimed at regulating Ontario's towing industry, introducing a Director of Towing in the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), company, driver and vehicle standards, and protections for consumers. Currently some municipalities license tow truck operators to protect consumers. These local regimes will continue but could potentially be replaced by the provincial regulator in the coming years. MTO will be consulting with affected municipalities.

The Bill makes changes, also, to the incident collection requirements to track car doors hitting cyclists and electric scooters, and redefines power assisted bicycles. While AMO was hopeful that changes requested by municipal governments to increase *Highway Traffic Act* fines would be brought forward, these changes were not included in the Bill at this time. However, MTO is working to allow Administrative Monetary Penalties for red-light and Automated Speed Enforcement technology infractions under section 21.1 of the Act to be in place by July 1, 2022.

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) Regulations

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is consulting on new regulatory proposals that are necessary to bring the Act into force. Additional regulatory proposals will be posted in the future. The first five proposals are:

1. [Oaths and affirmations for police officers, First Nation Officers, special constables, auxiliaries, and police service board members,](#)

2. [Composition of the Ontario Provincial Police \(OPP\) Governance Advisory,](#)
3. [A review and revision period for community safety and well-being \(CSWB\) plans,](#)
4. [Suspension without pay,](#) and
5. [Chief's referral to the Law Enforcement Complaints Agency.](#)

Comments will be accepted until June 7, 2021. AMO will be reviewing and providing general comments on these regulations and members are encouraged to examine them and submit comments as appropriate.

Municipal Act, Section 357 (1) d and 323 (1) d Clarification

The Ministry of Finance has issued a clarification on Section 357 (1) d and 323 (1) d of the *Municipal Act* regarding property tax refund applications related to business shutdowns. AMO understands that a number of municipalities have received applications related to refund requests as a result of shut down orders to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry has informed AMO and other municipal associations that:

“While it is the responsibility of each local municipality to interpret and administer these sections for itself, it is the Ministry’s view that sections 357(1)(d) and 323(1)(d) are not intended to provide relief in a situation where a property **has not been physically damaged or demolished.**”

The Ministry notes that businesses affected by the shutdown may be able to apply for provincial property tax and energy rebates as well as the federal Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) programs.

AMO Conference Delegation Meetings Open

Delegation meetings are a key feature of the AMO Conference. To request delegation meetings as part of your AMO 2021 Conference experience, please [click here](#). As an AMO Conference delegate, you can request a virtual meeting with a Minister or Parliamentary Assistant at the AMO Conference. The deadline to submit your request is June 4, 2021.

AMO’s [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.