



MINUTES
West Grey Traffic Safety Working Group
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom Teleconferencing

Present: Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson, Councillor Stephen Townsend, Director of Public Works Vance Czerwinski, Chair Robert MacKenzie, Vice Chair Jonah Friendly, committee members Robin Rich & Robert Edwards

Absent: WGPS Chief Robert Martin

Call to Order: 10:02 am.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Townsend, Seconded by Friendly - Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (direct or indirect) None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

A misspelling of the MTO representative's surname was noted.

Moved by Edwards, Seconded by Friendly. Carried as amended.

Delegations: None

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting:

- ◆ Chair MacKenzie provided an update on his presentation to West Grey Council in December during which Council voted to support the Traffic Safety Working Group proposal re: the purchase of speed signs. Council had some questions including whether traffic data is available from the units suggested by this committee or if that feature is an added cost. Director Czerwinski said that data collection is a possibility but may be at additional cost. The Traffic Safety Working Group would suggest the unit be capable of collection of traffic data. Director Czerwinski will advise what the varying options are at the next committee meeting.
- ◆ An invitation was extended to Mr. Sean Wraight of MTO to attend this meeting but he was unable to do so. He will be formally invited to attend the February meeting.

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- ◆ Member Rich spoke on the topic of “Speed Cushions”. She will reach-out to her contact at Barrie Works for additional information such as costs to maintain, data collection, return on investment, emergency vehicle response concerns, etc.
- ◆ Director Czerwinski was to speak on the topic of “Speed Reduction” but had not been able to meet with WGPS Chief Martin to discuss the topic. He will hopefully be able to speak on the topic at the next committee meeting, if he can meet with the Chief.

General Discussion Among Members – Speed Reduction

- ◆ There was a general discussion regarding speeding through the hamlets of Ayton, Elmwood & Neustadt and the Town of Durham.
- ◆ Deputy Mayor Hutchinson advised that some roads are “County” roads and that Council would need to send any recommendation to Grey County Council for their consideration.
- ◆ Director Czerwinski suggested that the committee bring their concerns to Council.
- ◆ The following motion was discussed;
"That the Traffic Safety Working Group recommends to Council reduction of the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on roads running through the settlement boundaries of Durham, Ayton, Neustadt and Elmwood with the support of municipal staff and, further, that we request Council to bring this recommendation forward to the County of Grey and the Province of Ontario for support on their respective roadways."

Moved by Friendly, Seconded by Townsend - Carried

Ongoing Business:

Parking issues on residential streets

- ◆ Deputy Mayor Hutchinson commented that tractor-trailers parking on residential streets in Ayton & Durham continue to be a problem and that this committee should look into the matter further.
- ◆ Councillor Townsend suggested that traffic by-laws could be a solution.
- ◆ Director Czerwinski commented that the current parking by-laws pertain primarily to snow removal.
- ◆ Deputy Mayor Hutchinson will bring additional information to the next committee meeting and asked to be placed on the agenda.

Co-Ordination of traffic related projects:

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- ◆ Chair MacKenzie commented that other ad-hoc committees may have traffic concerns or goals and that the groups may be duplicating their efforts.
- ◆ Councillors will advise this committee if they see such concerns.

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Articles of Interest: None

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively February 17, 2021 @10 am. via Zoom

Adjournment: Moved by Edwards, Seconded by Friendly – Carried
Adjourned @11:29 am.

, Chair

, Secretary