



**MINUTES (Draft Only)**  
**West Grey Traffic Safety Working Group**  
**Monday, March 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom Teleconferencing**

<u>Present</u>	Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson, Coun. Stephen Townsend; Members, Chair Robert MacKenzie, Jonah Friendly Staff: Police Chief Robert Martin, Director of Infrastructure and Public Works Vance Czerwinski.
<u>Absent</u>	Members Robert Edwards, Robin Rich

**1. Call to Order** 1:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda** Approved with amendment to delete duplicate Item 8. a), moved by Friendly, seconded by Townsend – carried.

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** (direct or indirect)  
Chair MacKenzie declared a pecuniary interest with respect to agenda item 8. b), Traffic issue with snow accumulation.

**4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**  
Moved by Hutchinson, Seconded by Townsend - Carried.

**5. Delegations** None

**6. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

- Appointment of new secretary for Traffic Safety Working Group – brief discussion ensued on this topic and it was noted that not all members of the group were in attendance. It was hoped that one of those members might be interested in assuming the duties of secretary, to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- Parking issues and potential update of parking bylaw – there was discussion on this topic which arose from an issue raised by Dep. Mayor Hutchinson at the January 2021 meeting. It was noted that West Grey Council has recently had discussions of parking issues and the need for a review of the municipal parking bylaw and it was decided to leave the issue in the hands of Council.

**7. Ongoing Business**

- Status update on projects/goals of Traffic Safety Working Group – this topic spawned a broader discussion on the working group and its mandate. It was noted that, to date, the group has brought three recommendations forward to West Grey Council. Following much discussion, consensus was reached to ask municipal staff to provide a status update on these recommendations at the next meeting of the working group after which

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the Chair will make a final report back to Council indicating the working group will remain dormant unless requested to reconvene or otherwise defer to the wishes of Council.

- Ongoing community consultation – No new traffic safety issues or concerns were brought forward by members of the working group.

## **8. New Business**

- Traffic issue with snow accumulation – Discussion took place regarding the snow banks in the business core of the village of Neustadt and other areas during winter months and how failure to remove the snow banks can result in traffic safety issues. Specifically, the concern is with vehicles having to park further away from the curb and into the live roadway when snow banks accumulate, and pedestrians having to exit their parked vehicles closer to live traffic and also climb over snow banks to access stores. It was also noted that any effort to encourage businesses in the downtown cores must be supported by timely removal of snow banks to facilitate safe access to stores. These concerns were noted and it was suggested that community members and business owners be encouraged to contact the municipal office when such issues are observed so that staff can address the problem.

Note: Chair MacKenzie declared a pecuniary interest in this matter and vacated the Chair to Vice-Chair Friendly. MacKenzie reassumed the Chair position following discussion of this item.

## **9. Correspondence**

- Correspondence was received from West Grey Council confirming support of the working group recommendation to reduce the posted speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on roads running through the settlements of Durham, Ayton, Neustadt and Elmwood and that this information would be forwarded to Grey County Council and the Province of Ontario for support regarding their respected roadways.

## **10. Articles of Interest**

None.

## **11. Next Meeting Date**

Friday, May 28, 2021 at 10 a.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

Moved by Hutchinson, seconded by Townsend – carried.

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