



MINUTES (Draft Only)
West Grey Traffic Safety Working Group
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom Teleconferencing

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

Absent None.

- 1. Call to Order** 10:04 a.m.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** Approved - moved by Friendly, seconded by Rich – carried.
- 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** (direct or indirect)
None
- 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
Deferred – May 28, 2021 meeting minutes unavailable.
- 5. Delegations** None
- 6. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

- a) Mandate and feedback from members of the Traffic Safety Working Group – Chair MacKenzie reviewed his request of members from this past spring in which he solicited their comments and feedback on the group’s mandate, its accomplishments to date and future role. The information has been compiled for discussion and consideration by members – see attached report. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Hutchinson noted he feels the group has met its objective and should now dissolve. Councillor Townsend stated the committee would have to seek a new mandate from West Grey Council if it wishes to continue. Deputy Mayor Hutchinson then enquired if the efforts of the group have been valued by staff. Director Czerwinski noted the various projects that have been initiated as a result of this group have been appreciated and constructive but what matters is the value perceived by Council. Chief Martin stated the collaborative approach of this group with West Grey staff including the police service is of value.

Further discussion included updates on the three main accomplishments of the Traffic Safety Working Group thus far: the acquisition of radar-speed signs for West Grey, the reduction of speed limits from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on the main roadways running through the settlements of Ayton, Durham and Neustadt, and the traffic calming speed cushion pilot project in Durham. By way of update on these projects, Director Czerwinski advised the purchase of radar-speed signs is still being reviewed with various options being considered with a decision on purchase expected soon. Deputy Mayor Hutchinson noted

the request to lower speed limits on county roads running through Ayton and Neustadt has not yet come before Grey County Council. Director Czerwinski advised this initiative would require a formal request from West Grey Council to Grey County Council which has not yet been made (Council representatives will follow-up on this issue). Director Czerwinski also provided an update on the speed cushion pilot project and advised conversations are still taking place with various stakeholders including the Public Works Department and options for the infrastructure required for this project are still being explored.

Further discussion ensued on these projects and other ongoing traffic safety concerns in the community and whether or not the Traffic Safety Working Group should continue to serve as an advisory body for Council. Following a lengthy discussion on this topic, a resolution was passed with the following recommendation to be brought forward to West Grey Council for consideration:

MOTION: Moved by Coun. Townsend, Second by Friendly:

“The Traffic Safety Working Group recommends that West Grey Council consider enhancing or revising the terms of reference and mandate for the group such that it continues to work on speeding as one of its prime focuses but also continues collaboration with the Director of Infrastructure and Public Works and the Chief of Police to identify and address other areas that it could provide support on, and come back to Council with a revised mandate after that collaboration.”

– carried.

- b) Parking issues and potential update of parking bylaw – a brief follow-up discussion took place on this issue originally raised by Dep. Mayor Hutchinson earlier this year. It was agreed that there are ongoing parking issues, particularly with transport trucks and trailers in some areas, and a full review of municipal parking bylaw would be required by staff, upon direction from West Grey Council.

7. Ongoing Business

- a) Status update on projects/goals of Traffic Safety Working Group – three recommendations have been formally made to West Grey Council for consideration since the inception of the Traffic Safety Working Group. An update on the status of these initiatives was provided earlier in the meeting (see Item 8. a).
- b) Ongoing community consultation – No new traffic safety issues or concerns were brought forward by members of the working group. A discussion took place about the fact that issues may exist in the community but have not been brought forward. Friendly suggested greater efforts be made to provide the community with better information about the Traffic Safety Working Group and encourage greater community involvement.

8. New Business

- a) Speed Camera Resolution – Chair MacKenzie provided information on a recent resolution passed by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police regarding speed cameras. Chief Martin expanded on the topic and noted the OACP is advocating for greater use of speed enforcement camera systems and the provision of a province-wide

ticketing system for this as well as start-up funding for speed camera enforcement programs – see attached copy of OACP resolution.

- b) Regional Road Safety Working Group – Discussion on this group’s purpose and mandate from Chair MacKenzie who is participating in this group to represent the West Grey Traffic Safety Working Group. While the group includes representation from communities stretching from Peel Region in the south to the northern Bruce peninsula area, there was some concern that this group focuses too much on issues on the peninsula that do not directly involve West Grey and other municipalities in its central membership area.
- c) Commercial truck enforcement – Chief Martin provided information regarding a recent campaign by West Grey Police Service aimed at enforcement of commercial truck regulations. It was noted there was a 50 per cent out of service rate as a result of this campaign and further enforcement measures will be ongoing.

<u>9. Correspondence</u>	None
<u>10. Articles of Interest</u>	None
<u>11. Next Meeting Date</u>	TBC
<u>12. Adjournment</u>	Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m., moved by Hutchinson, seconded by Townsend – carried.

, Chair

, Secretary