



Minutes COP Committee

**March 28, 2012
Township of Puslinch Office**

Present: Ron Van Ooteghem, Councillor Susan Fielding, Holly Franklin, Dave Haley, Frank Montgomery, Paul Anderson, Sgt. Mike Ashley and Sandra Solomon.

Regrets: Glenna Smith, Doug Smith, Vaughan Norman, Ted Laws, Councillor Wayne Stokley

In Glenna's absence, Ron chaired the meeting. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

Presentation: Traffic Concerns in Morriston.

- Bill gave some background to the meeting that had taken place between MPP Ted Arnott, representatives from the MTO and another owner of a restaurant Highway 6 which Bill had been invited to at the last minute.
- Bill felt the meeting had gone well and that MTO was receptive to the concerns raised by the two business owners.
- They all agreed that there was a need for better signage, calming measures and a greater OPP presence.
- People using Calfass Road had to be vigilant even when they had the green light as it was common for trucks to go through the red light because they could not stop in time.
- Bill felt that speed was a major factor but truck loads and the gradient of the road also played a role.
- Bill had had 3 very close calls and wanted something done.
- At the meeting, they had discussed the volume of traffic, safety and economic issues.
- The ideal solution would be to have the by-pass built as soon as possible, however, this is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future.
- Ted would do what he could and MTO had asked Bill to come back to them with a list of suggestions.
- Bill had been involved in a very successful grassroots movement in Aberfoyle that had seen many changes take place on Highway 46. Unfortunately, Highway 46 is County and Highway 6 is MTO.
- Susan explained to Bill that, from previous dealings with MTO, it could take as much as 10 years before anything could be done and, while she didn't want to dampen his enthusiasm, she wanted to point out what was realistic. MTO is not the County!
- Bill would still like to get a grassroots community momentum going but it was felt that the first step needed was to ascertain when the speeding was taking place and what the speeds were.
- Once Bill got permission from the plaza owner to erect the sign, Mike could have it up and running right away. Mike said that they don't get speeding complaints from Morriston, just congestion.

- Once we have some data regarding speeds, Bill would like to set up a meeting in the community with concerned residents, MTO and anyone else who could make the changes happen. As Highway 6 is Provincial, only the MTO can make changes.
- Bill had spoken to Mayor Dennis Lever prior to the MTO meeting and felt he was supportive. He would go back to him to see what he can do.
- It is hoped the speed data will be available at the next COP meeting on April 25th and Bill will keep the Committee updated on information he receives.

Vial of Life – Update

- Shoppers Drug Mart was not interested in sponsoring the vials but Carlisle Pharmacy and possibly one other pharmacy would do it.
- As Ted is the expert on the program, decisions and discussions on how to proceed were deferred to the next meeting.

Points of Interest from the Meeting:

- The entertainment evening at Duff's Church on March 24th had been a great success and the skit performed by Dave Haley, Holly Franklin, Frank Montgomery and Vaughan Norman was a big hit.
- Congratulations to all on the Committee to helped put it on.
- The speed limit on part of Watson Road had been reduced to 50 kph.
- This had come before the Committee quite a while ago and had been referred to Council.
- The Province has passed down guidelines for speed limits on gravel roads.
- There is a formula that can be used and, according to the Road Superintendent, all the gravel roads in Puslinch should be 60 kph.
- There is an Active Transportation Committee PIC at the Community Centre on April 12th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. All are welcome.
- The Committee had been asked to participate in the Road Safety Challenge.
- Unfortunately, we did not get much warning and the Committee felt there was not enough time to organize anything this year – we will participate next year.
- The Safe Community Committee had held its first meeting and the Committee representatives were still unsure exactly what was expected of us.
- It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next COP meeting takes place on April 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm. at the Township Office.