



Minutes COP Committee

April 25, 2012
Township of Puslinch Office

Present: Glenna Smith (Chair), Ron Van Ooteghem, Councillor Susan Fielding, Holly Franklin, Dave Haley, Frank Montgomery, Ted Laws, Vaughan Norman, Doug Smith and Sandra Solomon.

Regrets: Sgt. Mike Ashley, Paul Anderson

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

Traffic Concerns in Morriston - Update.

- Sandra updated the Committee on e-mail correspondence between herself and Bill Knesch regarding the speed monitor.
- Permission had been given to erect the monitor at the Change of Pace Restaurant plaza but they are waiting for new software to facilitate the recording of data.
- The software will not be installed until mid- to late-May and the monitor will be erected as soon as possible after that.
- It was noted that the MTO was more concerned with congestion than with problems at one traffic light that took very little traffic.
- This was not to diminish the seriousness of the matter, it was simply a fact.
- Hopefully the data will be able to show the need to do something.
- Susan noted that Council had been granted a meeting with the Minister of Transportation to discuss Highway 6 South and they could also bring this matter up.
- At the last Council Meeting, Mayor Dennis Lever had said that he had not yet set up the requested community meeting.
- Susan had suggested that, apart from the MTO contacts already involved, Roger Ward should be included as he was the Highway 6 Realignment Project Manager.
- As it is unlikely that the speed monitor data will be available before June, the community meeting should probably be postponed until it after that so it can be presented.

Vial of Life – Update

- University Square Pharmacy and Carlisle Pharmacy are both interested in sponsoring the bottles (vials) for the program.
- Apparently, contrary to what was said at the last meeting, Shopper's is also interested in donating some.
- It was decided that the first step should be to hold a meeting of community groups to ascertain if there is sufficient interest in the program.
- Invitations will be sent to various key players to attend our next meeting on May 23rd.
- If there is sufficient interest, a sub-committee will be set up to work on the program.

Other Points of Interest from the Meeting:

- We will be participating in the Road Safety Challenge next year – not enough time to organize anything this year.
- The Safe Community Committee (now to be called Safe Community Canada) is still in its early stages and it could be some time before they get the support they need in the County .
- Susan notified the Committee that all gravel roads in the Township will be reduced to 60kph.
- This decision was made using the Traffic Standards Guidelines.
- Some trucking companies in the area are using tandem trucks which are difficult to turn.
- So far, the Committee has not received any complaints about them.
- Susan noted that there will be 300 more trucks on the road (using Highway 6 South) once the Maple Leaf plant is built.
- The Maclean Road/County Road 46 intersection will have to be widened to accommodate them.

The next COP meeting takes place on May 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm. at the Township Office.