



Minutes COP Committee

May 23, 2012
Township of Puslinch Office

Present: Glenna Smith (Chair), Paul Anderson, Councillor Susan Fielding, Holly Franklin, Ted Laws, Vaughan Norman, Doug Smith, Wayne Stokley and Sandra Solomon.

Regrets: Sgt. Mike Ashley, Dave Haley, Ron Van Ooteghem, Frank Montgomery .

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

None of the invited groups had sent any representatives to the discussion on the Vial of Life.

- It was decided to proceed with the regular meeting.

Traffic Concerns in Morriston - Update

- Sandra updated the Committee on e-mail correspondence between Bill Knesch and Ann Baldwin, Regional Director West Region, MTO, who was responding on behalf of Minister Bob Chiarelli.
- Ann noted that "given the province's fiscal situation, only highway expansion projects with a transit component are being programmed at this time".
- There was discussion on exactly what "transit component" meant.
- Could refer to public transportation such as GO, transportation by trucks (which are numerous) or bus transportation (buses do use Highway 6).
- If Ann is at the meeting between Council and Minister Chiarelli later this month perhaps they can get some clarification.
- Sandra also read Bill's response to the letter which he sent to Ann Baldwin, the Minister and Rebecca Hallam.
- Bill agreed that they had to be careful with the limited financial resources available but he reminded them that the realignment of Highway 6 had been on the books for over 30 years.
- Bill noted that the safety of the residents of Morriston was very important and the village was not designed to have the huge volume of traffic flowing through it.
- The speed monitor had been up for about a week.
- Hopefully we will have some data by the June COP meeting.

COP Bank Account

- Glenna and Sandra had opened a bank account and the grant from the Township had been paid in.

Vial of Life

- Despite the lack of attendance by the other groups, it was decided to still consider introducing the Vial of Life program.
- Linda Dickson, the Community Emergency Management Coordinator for Wellington County and Karen Harding, the Duff's Church nurse, had both expressed strong support for the program but were unable to attend the meeting.

- Glenna will contact Linda Dickson and invite her to the next COP Committee meeting (June 27th) to talk to the Committee as she is obviously very familiar with the program.
- Once a suitable date is set with Linda, invitations will again be issued to the various groups.
- The letter will also request that they notify the Committee if they are supportive of the idea and would be prepared to verbally promote the program and assist with distribution of the vials.
- Ted handed out samples of fridge magnets that could be used in place of the orange dot.

Minto Road Watch Program (June 9th)

- Glenna had received an invitation to attend the launching of the Minto Road Watch program from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The event will include a children's Road Safety poster contest, a Bike Rodeo supported by the Minto Optimist Club, and a Child Seat/Restraint Clinic

Safe Communities Wellington (June 7th)

- There is a Safe Communities Wellington meeting on June 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- The meeting is to update those interested in the SCC.
- Glenna briefly read the Terms of Reference for Woodstock that is proposed to be used as a guide for Wellington County.
- It outlined the purpose, goals, etc.

Erin COP Committee – Vandalism Discussion (June 7th)

- The Erin COP Committee is holding the above presentation on June 7th at 7:00 p.m.
- Glenna encouraged members of the Committee to attend.

The next COP Committee meeting will take place on June 27, 2012 at the Township Offices. All are welcome.