

Minutes
COP Committee

September 26, 2012
Township of Puslinch Office



Present: Glenna Smith (Chair), Councillor Susan Fielding, Vaughan Norman, Doug Smith, Wayne Stokley, Holly Franklin, Dave Haley, Heather Laybourne, Frank Montgomerie, Karen Harding, Mike Ashley, Sandra Solomon and Ron Van Ooteghem.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- **Morrison (Speed Sign Data)**
 - Mike said that he had received confirmation that there would be no sharing of data.
 - Sandra will contact Bill to give him the information.

- **Update on traffic calming in Morrison**
 - Susan said that not only had there been no contact between MTO and Council regarding the paving that had been done, Don Creed had also not been contacted.
 - Bill was holding a stakeholders meeting with the MTO on September 28th.
 - Susan thought that all of Council would be attending.
 - Bill had asked that a representative from COP attend and Sandra will do this.
 - Mike commented on the traffic lights at the 401 and Highway 6/County Road 46 and how congested it was.
 - Sandra had found the same problem on many occasions and Susan had received several calls about it.
 - Susan will bring it up at Bill's meeting on Friday.
 - Susan had attended an Economic Summit in the County and one of the positives had been the good traffic flow in the County.
 - Apparently, not in Puslinch!

- **Puslinch Lake 911 Problem**
 - Heather reported that she had contacted Linda and Linda had left a message on her phone indicating that she was dealing with it.
 - Doug stated that Linda wanted to look at the situation firsthand and that the two of them would be going to Puslinch Lake on October 1st.

- **SCC meeting – September 5**
 - Susan reported that she and Doug had attended the meeting.
 - She felt that there was not a very good turnout.
 - There were representatives from the Erin and Fergus COP Committees
 - Councillor Gary Williamson and S/Sgt Jack Hungen are running the Committee now and Linda Dickson is the secretary.

- Susan reported that the SCC had no intention of taking over the COP Committees but were hoping to have their support and to work together on common interests.
- **SCC meeting – September 20**
 - Glenna had attended this meeting and said the turnout was very good – about 30 people, she thought.
 - There were representatives from many organizations, school boards, hospitals, County, OPP, Mapleton and Erin Fire Departments and McDonald's.
 - Linda had sent out an on-line survey asking participants to complete and return it before the meeting and she presented the results.
 - There was only a 6% response from Puslinch.
 - 87% of the responders felt that Wellington County was a safe place to live.
 - 31% wanted more policing; 43% more training and education opportunities for youth; 6% more training and education for seniors.
 - The next meeting is November 22nd in Aboyne where they must have at least 50 people attending, but not more than 65.
 - Glenna, Doug, Karen, Holly, Susan and Heather expressed interest in going.
 - Depending on the numbers, not all of them may be able to go – Glenna will contact the people when she knows.

Vial of Life

- Glenna thanked everyone who helped at the Fair and the Market.
- It rained for the Fair and we froze at the Market!
- She felt that we had done well at both places even though we didn't distribute a lot of vials.
- A lot of people showed an interest in the program, even if they were not from Puslinch.
- Karen has handed out about 35 vials to her clients.
- Dave said that they had had a tremendous response at Millcreek.
- The Fire Chief had asked if it was possible to get the sign-up list of those participating.
- In the information sheet we specifically say that the information will not be shared with others, so will not be able to do this.
- Karen mentioned that she would be speaking at Knox Presbyterian Church in Crieff about the Vial of Life.
- It was suggested that she contact the United Church in Morrison to see if she could make a presentation at their luncheon in December.
- Susan mentioned that there are several people who live alone at Sunset Villa. She will contact them.
- Glenna will give some vials to EMS in Guelph to distribute.

November Meeting

- Despite phonecalls, e-mails, etc. Mike had not been able to arrange a speaker.
- Susan had a few options and would see if she could arrange anything.

- Doug suggested that perhaps we should be looking at doing something in the spring as time was running out for November.
- If Susan is unable to arrange anything, we will postpone it until the spring.

Santa Claus Parade

- Vial of Life and Road Watch will be promoted at the Parade.
- Doug, Karen, Sandra and Susan will be involved in getting materials/transportation for the float.

Mike's Report

- Mike reported that the new Inspector had been appointed – Scott Lawson.
- He would likely want to attend a COP meeting at some point and it was suggested that we invite him in the New Year.
- Mike noted that the crime stats were generally down, except for violent crime which was up.

The next COP Committee meeting will be held on October 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Township Office.