

**Minutes
COP Committee**

**October 24, 2012
Township of Puslinch Office**



Present: Glenna Smith (Chair), Councillor Susan Fielding, Vaughan Norman, Doug Smith, Holly Franklin, Heather Laybourne, Frank Montgomerie, Ted Laws, Paul Anderson, Karen Harding, Mike Ashley, Sandra Solomon and Ron Van Ooteghem.

Regrets: Dave Haley

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

Business Arising from Minutes of September 26, 2012

- **Morrison (Bill K.'s Meeting)**
 - Sandra had sent out a report on the meeting held by Bill K.
 - Susan and Sandra briefly went through the report.
 - Overall it had been a good meeting, however, it did not appear that MTO would approve all the calming measures that Bill wanted.
 - Sarah Wilhelm is acting as the go-between with MTO.
 - Following the meeting, Sandra had received a request from Bill for a letter of support from the COP Committee to Council regarding the Community Safety Zone signs.
 - Sandra had done up a draft letter which the Committee approved.
 - Sandra will sign the letter on behalf of the Committee and forward it to Bill.
 - Not all of the Committee were in favour of the signs but the majority felt that we should be sending a letter of support.
 - Mike noted that, generally, the OPP were not in favour of CSZ signs – did not find them effective.
 - He would like to see gateway signs being erected.
 - Sandra had spoken to Sarah about supporting both types of signs and Sarah had requested that the items be kept separate.
 - The gateway signs may be dealt with at a later date.
- **Ted Arnott's Actions re: traffic calming in Morrison and the Realignment**
 - Sandra noted that, since Bill's meeting, Ted had been very active in the house regarding both the traffic calming measures and the realignment of Highway 6.
 - There were several press releases and copies of correspondence between Ted and Minister Chiarelli.
 - Ted also tabled a resolution in Parliament dealing with the request to have the realignment placed in the MTO Five Year Plan.
 - With the proroguing of Parliament, this was one of the issues that were lost but, when the house sits again, he will bring the issue forward.

- At the end of Bill's stakeholder's meeting, Ted had mentioned possible ways to bring the problems to the Minister and Parliament's attention, including a petition or sending postcards.
- Glenna felt that doing either of these would be a good way to help get the realignment on track.
- She will speak to Ted regarding his thoughts on the COP Committee spearheading a petition.
- In the meantime, Sandra will write to Council asking for their support if we go ahead with both or either of these ideas.
- It was suggested that the petition would carry more weight if it was signed by drivers on the highway.
- We can't stop the traffic to get them to sign but it was suggested that we approach the restaurants, Tim Horton's, Subway, gas stations, etc. about having the petition sheets available to drivers.
- An on-line petition was also suggested.
- The Committee had not heard any information about the stakeholders' meeting that the Mayor was supposed to be having with Minister Chiarelli.
- It could have been affected by the proroguing of Parliament.
- **Wellington County Active Transportation Plan**
 - Glenna had received a notification about the presentation of this plan to Council on November 7th at 2:00 p.m.
 - The Committee were all invited.
 - Susan explained what the plan was: it was connecting all the biking/hiking/walking trails within the County.
 - There had been input from the community and, despite many objections to one of the trails crossing Highway 6 at Maddaugh Road (extremely dangerous), this had been left in.
 - However, for the most part, it was a good plan.
- **Puslinch Lake 911 Problem**
 - Linda and Doug had still not been able to get to visit the Lake to assess the problem.
 - They were hoping to do it fairly soon.
- **SCC meeting – November 22nd**
 - Glenna had not heard back regarding this meeting and was still unsure of how many would be able to attend.
 - (**A reminder:** They must have at least 50 people attending, but not more than 65.
 - Depending on the numbers, not all of them may be able to go – Glenna will contact the four people when she knows.)
- **November Special Meeting**
 - As we had been unable to find a guest speaker, this meeting was cancelled.
 - Glenna had suggested either doing a presentation on bullying or participating in the Road Safety Challenge.
 - The Committee felt the presentation on bullying was more in keeping with our mandate.
 - Susan and Mike are going to work on trying to get a speaker.

- The presentation would be held in the spring, with the speaker dictating the date.

Speed Sign Report

- On October 7th, while the sign was up on Concession 1, it was vandalized.
- On inspection, it was found to be lying on its side and there was some damage to the fender.
- It was reported to the police and local residents have asked that the OPP do some patrolling along that stretch to control speeding.
- There was also some discussion about whether the speed could be reduced from 80 kph to 60 kph.
- Susan noted that, as it was a paved road, it is unlikely that Council will agree to it.
- The fender was repaired and the sign is now in Eramosa.

Mike's Report

- Mike had been on duty up North and had only got back the night before so he had nothing to report.

Vial of Life

- Karen reported that she had just started handing out her second 50 Vials of Life.
 - She would be attending the Mount Carmel-Zion United Church (Morrison) Christmas luncheon on December 5th.
 - Karen had also distributed some vials at Knox Presbyterian Church in Crieff.
 - Susan had spoken to the lady at Sunset Villa but still needed to go back and approach the residents.
 - Ted asked if 250 could be dropped off at Mini Lakes.
 - Glenna felt we needed some more publicity and asked if we could do a half page ad or article, with a picture, in the Puslinch Pioneer.
 - Doug has some pictures taken at the Fair and he will mail them to Susan so she can do an article.

Santa Claus Parade

- Ted is looking at getting a van or golf cart for the parade
- He needed to know the set-up time (**12:30 pm.**) and when the van would be returned (**4:00 pm.**)
- Did we want the Mini Lakes truck or a golf cart (**preferably the truck**)
- If Ted could not arrange the van and it was the golf cart, they would need OPP assistance getting the golf cart between Mini Lakes, the Township Office and back to Mini Lakes.
- Mike said this was not a problem and he could organize it.
- Karen reported that the barrel was almost ready.
- Frank noted that Dave had spoken to Matt at The Car Store and they would be providing cars for the parade.
- Mike noted that the OPP horses have already been booked for the parade.

- Balloons, Road Watch flyers, and Vial of Life information sheets would be handed out.
- Help: Susan, Ron, Mike, Karen, Sandra, Vaughan, Frank, Glenna.
- The COP banner or one made at Staples will be used.

Other Business

- **3rd Annual Safe Community Conference – November 17th**
 - In the past this was called the COP Conference.
 - Sandra had received a notice from S/Sgt Susan Gray giving notice of the conference and asking for suggested items for discussion.
 - Some tentative ideas were provided.
 - The Committee liked all of the topics and requested that something on Mental Health Awareness also be discussed.
 - Sandra highly recommended the conference but is unable to go herself.
 - Susan, Vaughan, Frank, Doug and, possibly, Paul and Dave will be attending.
 - Sandra will let Susan Gray know about the additional topic and who will be attending.
 - She will also ask where the conference is being held and inform those attending.
- **Application to Council for Grant for 2013**
 - Susan noted that Council was hoping to work on the budget for 2013 fairly soon and we should get our application for a grant in now..
 - **Motion:** That Chair Glenna Smith write a letter to Puslinch Township Council requesting a grant of \$1,000.00 for 2013.

Moved by Paul Anderson and **Seconded** by Heather Laybourne.

Carried.

The next COP Committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Township Office.