

**Report
COP Committee**

**January 23, 2013
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, Wayne Stokley, Karen Harding, Dave Haley, Ron Van Ooteghem and Sandra Solomon.

Regrets: Sgt. Mike Ashley

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

Welcome

- Glenna welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming early to accommodate Council and wished them a Happy New Year.
- Glenna noted that Councillor Susan Fielding had been re-appointed as our Council representative for 2013.

Business Arising from Minutes of October 24, 2012

- **Traffic calming in Morriston and Highway 6**
 - It was noted that the large 50 kph signs had been installed in Morriston.
 - There had been no e-mail correspondence from Bill K. for a while.
 - Wayne updated everyone on what was happening with the Township meeting with Minister Chiarelli.
 - Some University of Waterloo students, under the guidance of their Professor, were going to be doing an economic value study related to the by-pass and should be ready in April, 2013.
 - Once received, MPP Ted Arnott would set up a meeting with the Minister and the meeting would be attended by the Mayor, Councillors and affected stakeholders.
 - They were hoping that Minister Chiarelli would still be the minister but the bureaucrats were also on side so it was not expected to matter.
 - Ron commented that we had been approaching the realignment from a safety point of view and yet the study was looking at economics, not safety.
 - Wayne explained that the Township was still concerned with safety but the Minister was more interested in the economic impact and that was how they were dealing with it.
 - He also mentioned that they were not asking for the work to be done right now, just asking for it to be put on the 5-Year Plan (or any definitive term plan).
 - It was noted that it should be shovel ready very quickly as the EA had already been passed and they were working on the detailed designs.

- Wayne said that there was also a project in the works to widen the 401 in the area and it's plans showed Highway 6 realigned (parts of the realignment are integral to the 401 plan).
- Sandra asked if Wayne knew who the stakeholders were.
- He said that the Mayor had not been very specific but he knew that Maple Leaf was involved.
- Sandra commented that several years ago she and Susan had met with Enno Jacobson from Challenger Trucking and he had been instrumental in getting the Ontario Trucking Association to write the letter to the Minister.
- She would really like to see, as a courtesy, that, at the very least, he be kept informed of what was going on.
- Wayne noted that the Mayor was dealing with the Ontario Trucking Association.
- **Petition for the Highway 6 Realignment**
 - Sandra said that she felt an on-line petition was the way to go as most of the users of the highway were likely to be attuned to modern technology.
 - Sandra admitted that she was not very computer literate and did not know how to go about setting up an on-line petition.
 - It was suggested that there was a firefighter who might be able to help.
 - A Sub-Committee consisting of Dave, Karen, Heather and Sandra was set up to look into it.
 - Karen has a relative who can help with the technology side of things.
 - Sandra asked if they could meet quickly as she will not be able to do anything in February.
- **Puslinch Lake 911 problem**
 - Nothing had been done yet.
- **Speaker on Bullying**
 - Mike was away and had not responded to e-mails regarding the change in situation for the speaker we had in mind.
 - Sandra wondered if a letter could be sent from the Committee asking if he or anyone else would be able to come and give a talk.
 - Susan said that she had the same contact names that Mike had and she would look into it.
 - If she was not successful, she would also look into getting someone from another sport.
 - We were hoping for some time in late April or early May as our main target group were the youth.
- **Santa Claus Parade/Christmas Party**
 - Both were a great success and Glenna thanked all involved
- **Annual COP/SCC Conference – November 17th**
 - Susan said she thought it was a good conference.
 - There were several speakers, mainly OPP, and one of the biggest problems seems to be drug use.
 - Each community had a different type of drug that was the main problem.

- At the end of the conference, all the Committees gave a report on what they had done and were doing and it was obvious that Puslinch was way ahead of everyone else.
- The new OPP Inspector (Scott Lawson) was very anxious to come to one of our meetings.
- Insp. Lawson was keen for all the Committees to merge under the SCC title but Susan Gray noted that they had agreed to give the Committees the options to remain as COP Committees (*which we have*).
- Susan Gray had also put together a list of the various activities that are being done by all the Committees.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Vial of Life**
 - Glenna reported that we had none of our own magnets left; we were using the EMS ones.
 - Susan had been to Sunset Villa and met with the residents.
 - The program had been very well received and she handed in a list of people participating.
 - Dave said they had handed out 108 vials and, as new people moved into the complex, the Vial of Life would be part of their package.
 - Karen had handed some out at the Mount Carmel-Zion United Church (Morrison) Christmas luncheon.
 - She had also dropped some off at the Township Office as people wanted to pick them up there, too.
- **Safe Communities Canada**
 - Glenna reported that the meeting on November 22, 2012 had been very well attended.
 - The next meeting would be on **February 20, 2013 (9:00 to 11:00 am at the Museum)** and she invited anyone interested to attend.
 - Glenna noted that the SCC had compiled a list of the greatest injuries.
 - Motor vehicle accidents were the top problem, followed by falls, poisoning and intentional “self harm”.
- **Road Watch**
 - Dave had misread the Agenda and thought it referred to the Road Safety Challenge.
 - However, he gathered some very important information on the Challenge – thanks, Dave!
 - There are a number of criteria that have to be met to enter this Challenge and the main one seems to be that the group is registered as a charity.
 - This alone was enough to negate us but other criteria, especially the liability responsibility, made the Committee decide they would not be participating.

Correspondence

- Glenna had received two items of correspondence from the Optimists.
 - Both dealt with the **Family Winter Weekend** which takes place at the Community Centre/ORC complex on February 16, 17 and 18.

- The first letter asked if we would be interested in participating in the snow sculpturing contest.
- Glenna, Heather and Karen (the artistic members!!) would take on the task.
- Other Committee members were planning to stop by and offer verbal assistance!
- The second letter related to the Great Canadian Trivia contest on Sunday, February 17 (3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Community Centre).
- Teams consist of four people. Entry fee: \$100 per team. Prizes for top three teams.
- Glenna, Susan and Karen have put their names down and will work on getting a fourth person.

MOTION: *That COP pay the \$100:00 entry fee for the Trivia contest to the Optimist Club of Puslinch Inc.*

Proposed: Susan **Seconded:** Paul **CARRIED**

Goal Setting

- Glenna reminded everyone of our 2012 goals: Road Watch, Domestic Violence and implementing Vial of Life.
 - What did we want to do this year?
 - Continue with Road Watch, Vial of Life and Domestic Violence (Bullying)
 - New this year: Highway 6 petition
 - We will also continue with using our Speed Monitor.

Election of Officers

MOTION 1.: *That the following slate of officers be elected:*

<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Glenna Smith</i>	
<i>Secretary/Treasurer:</i>	<i>Sandra Solomon</i>	
<i>Road Watch Chair:</i>	<i>Dave Haley</i>	

Proposed: Susan **Seconded:** Heather **CARRIED**

MOTION 2.: *That Susan Fielding be elected as the Puslinch Pioneer Reporter*

Proposed: Glenna **Seconded:** Holly **CARRIED**

New Business

- **Vandalism in township**
 - Susan reported that they were experiencing a lot of vandalism (trucks) on the soccer fields at Badenoch.
 - Hard to know what time of day or night it is taking place.

- Wayne suggested that it be brought to the Badenoch Committee's attention.
- The soccer fields are not their responsibility but many live in the area.
- Karen will speak to people she knows in the area, too.
- **Items missing from the Community Centre**
 - A microphone stand and kitchen items (chafing dishes, pots, etc.) have gone missing from the Community Centre
 - Susan doesn't think it is necessarily deliberate and it was suggested that Lisa check with users after events if anything goes missing.

The next COP Committee meeting will be held on February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Township Office.