

**Report
COP Committee**

**January 23, 2013
Township of Puslinch Office**



Present: Ron Van Ooteghem (Acting Chair), Councillor Susan Fielding, Vaughan Norman, Heather Laybourne, Frank Montgomerie, Karen Harding, Dave Haley and Sandra Solomon.

Regrets: Glenna Smith, Doug Smith, Holly Franklin, Wayne Stokley.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

Welcome

- Ron welcomed everyone. There were no guests.

Business Arising from Minutes of January 23, 2013

- **Traffic calming in Morriston and Highway 6**
 - Sandra and Susan had received copies of a letter from Bill K. that he had sent to the MTO, the new Minister for MTO, Township Council and other concerned citizens.
 - Bill reminded the MTO and government representatives of his goal for Morriston, listed what had been achieved and what he still felt needed to be done.
- **Copy of letter from Minister Chiarelli to Morriston resident**
 - Glenna had shared a letter a Morriston resident had received from Minister Chiarelli basically outlining what MTO was doing for Morriston and stating that he was waiting to meet with interested stakeholders regarding the economic impact.
 - Sarah Wilhelm had made a presentation to County Council for Community Safety Zone signs for Morriston and there had been several letters of support, including one from the OPP.
 - There was no further update on the intended meeting with the Minister of Transportation, who was now Glen Marshall.
 - Susan understood that the Mayor's economic study was due to be completed by May but it may be several months before a meeting could be arranged with the new Minister.
 - Glenna had received a letter of concern regarding speeding in Aberfoyle.
 - A request was being made for more 50km signs in the village.
 - There is a set standard for spacing between signs and the current locations meet this standard.
 - Ron would contact the author to explain this.
 - It was felt that the enforcement was not as good as it had been.

- The OPP will be requested to increase enforcement.
- We can also do some speed monitoring in the spring, either using our sign or the OPP one, or both.
- **Family Winter Festival**
 - This had been a great success and at least \$15,000.00 had been raised for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.
 - The COP Committee had done well in both the snow sculpturing and the trivia contest.
- **Speaker on Bullying**
 - The speaker we had tried to get was no longer a possibility.
 - Susan has made contact with another group to find a speaker.
 - It is possible the bullying presentation may have to be deferred to the fall.

Financial Report/Budget

- The January 31st Bank Statement was presented..
 - This did not include the \$100.00 paid to the Optimists for our participation in the Trivia Contest.
 - Susan noted that the Township budget process was underway.
 - Sandra reported that, in spite of the direction we had received in early 2012, she had been asked to provide the Mayor with a financial statement for 2012.
 - Sandra questioned whether this was a request made to all the recipients of grants. Some had, but not all.
 - Susan noted that the \$1,000.00 grant we had requested could be in jeopardy as a result of unexpected increases in the Township.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **Highway 6 Petition**
- Dave outlined what the sub-committee had done to date.
- There had only been one meeting but drafts for the paper and on-line petitions were well underway and were shared with the Committee.
- There were strict rules that applied to petitions and how they could be presented to the government.
- Only original paper petitions could be presented to the government as a whole, on-line ones can go to the Minister.
- The sub-committee had decided to do both forms.
- Paper petitions would be left at various businesses throughout the area.
- Advertising for the petitions will be done through the media as well as using the various signs throughout the Highway 6 area.
- Letters had been sent to various trucking businesses using Highway 6 but, to date, no responses had been received.
- We would be getting tech help with the on-line petition.
- It was hoped that the launch for the petition would be the beginning of April.
- The sub-committee were meeting the following evening and would have a better idea of time-lines, etc.
- **Vial of Life**

- Karen reported that Clifford wanted to start the program and Glenna had provided them with information.
- The program continued to go well in the Township.
- **Safe Communities Canada**
 - Karen provided everyone with a copy of the minutes from the last SCC meeting held on February 20, 2013 and briefly went through them.
 - The Committee asked for some clarification about the Insurance Agreement that Puslinch (through Glenna) had signed.
 - Karen also noted that the SCC was going to have banners made up for display purposes and the Committee wanted more information on this, too.
 - Karen noted that there was a **Concussion Workshop by Dr. Charles Tator**, neurosurgeon, taking place at the TD Bank Building, Toronto on March 18, 2013 at Noon.
 - She encouraged anyone who could to attend (contact Karen for more information).
- **Road Watch**
 - No report..

New Business

- **911 Puslinch Lake**
 - This still needs to be resolved and will be kept on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- **Wellington-Guelph Drug Strategy Presentation**
 - On March 20, 2013 from 8:30 am. to 4:00 pm. a **Harm Reduction in our Communities presentation** is being held.
 - Topics include: Changing Technology and Gambling Awareness, Reducing Alcohol Harms, Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention.
 - To register visit: www.aidsguelph.org and for more information contact 519-821-6638 x 402 or e-mail rsilver@guelphchc.ca.
- **Article in Puslinch Pioneer - Vaughan**
 - Vaughan noted that the Puslinch Fire Department had stayed overnight at a fire at Puslinch Lake to keep an eye on hotspots.
 - Susan explained that the Township sub-contracted to Cambridge Fire Department to service Puslinch Lake because of the distance from the Puslinch Fire Hall.
 - However, to look after hotspots, the Puslinch firefighters would take over.
 - The Township is currently looking into setting up a sub-station near Puslinch Lake and, if that happens, it will no longer need to rely on Cambridge and will be a big cost saving.
- **No Parking signs for Puslinch Lake - Heather**
 - Heather is having problems with fishermen parking at the end of her driveway.
 - She will contact Don Creed for assistance.

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