



**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 3:15 p.m.  
ZOOM MEETING  
MINUTES**

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In attendance: Mayor Sandie Macdonald  
Councillor Henry Sander  
Colleen Healey-Dowdall, CAO  
Michael Mikael, Manager of Public Works  
John Kolb, Roads Supervisor  
Eric Steele, OPP  
Paul Does, OPP  
Wade Beebe, OPP  
Michael Owen, Ward 1 Representative  
Rick Foley, Ward 2 Representative  
Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Mike Jerry, Ward 3 Representative

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

Sgt. Eric Steele opened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by: Sander                      Seconded by: Owen**

*Be it resolved that the Agenda as presented be approved.*

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Moved by: Sander                      Seconded by: Owen**

*Be it resolved that the minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting dated September 21, 2021, be approved as printed.*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

The Manager of Public Works stated that the Thornton Cross Walk is behind schedule due to unforeseen circumstances and hopes to have the project complete prior to winter so that line painting can take place, however, there may be a delay until Spring of 2022.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Welcome to our new Ward 1 Representative, Michael Owen.

The Committee welcomed our new Ward 1 Representative, Michael Owen to the Committee. Michael has been an active resident since the formation of this committee and his input will be of value with respect to the goals of this committee.

5.2 Correspondence from Michael Owen, re: Roadway Diets.

Michael Owen stated that this type of road calming measure is used in other municipalities as well as in the states and believes it would be a successful approach in our Township. The Manager of Public Works thanked Michael for this suggestion and agrees this is a useful measure, however costs associated with this type of approach will need to be considered as the paint needed to ensure longevity is costly. This will be investigated further.

5.3 Resident Concerns:

DATE	CONCERN LOCATION:	CONCERN:
October 26, 2021	County Road 56	Residents are concerned with excess speed on Cty Rd 56 and would like the speed reduced to 50 km/hr  The OPP are aware of this concern and will continue to monitor.
November 8, 2021	Camilla Cres., Thornton	Resident would like to request the installation of speed humps on this street.  Speed assessments will take place and if there is a need, speed humps will be placed next spring.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Round Table Comments/Questions.

- Ward 2 Representative, Rick Foley asked about the County Road 56 and County Road 21 intersection as he believes stop signs were to be installed. The CAO confirmed that a roundabout has been approved for this intersection.

He also noted that the noise caused by commercial vehicles coming into Thornton has recently become an issue again.

- Ward 1 Representative, Michael Owen asked if the Township has considered investing in community bike racks in the commercial areas of the Township. Mayor Macdonald stated that some businesses do own their own bike racks for customer use.
- The CAO announced that the Township is excited to begin the Paid Duty program with the OPP and have extra enforcement throughout our Township.

- Mayor Macdonald stated that cars parking on boulevards is an issue as it greatly reduces visibility for others trying to see past the vehicle. This issue will be further investigated.

**7. ESTABLISH DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Traffic Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for January 18, 2022 at 3:15 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by: Owen                      Seconded by: Foley**

*Be it resolved that this meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee of the Township of Essa adjourn at 3:47 p.m.*