

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN  
ROADS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom and in Person at  
Council Chambers – 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya Ontario**

A regular meeting of the Roads Committee was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> in person and via Zoom. The following were in attendance:

Councillor D. Stephens chaired the meeting. Mayor R. Stephens, B. Mitchell, D. Scott L. Farquhar (v) J. Bisailon attended in-person. Staff Person H. Nicklasson, CAO/Clerk, D. Deforge (v) CFO A. Slee, Roads Superintendent Ron Klingenberg. Two members of the public attended in person and three members of the public attended via zoom.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting was recorded.

**MOTION: MITCHELL AND R. STEPHENS**

That the agenda be approved with the following changes that

Additions 8 d. AROS – letter of congratulations

Reordering:

9. a. Financial Business:

a. Roads Operating Budget – Draft

b. Year to Date Financial Report – 2024 10 31

10 a. In Camera Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;- Municipal Allowance...carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

**MOTION: SCOTT AND R. STEPHENS**

That the minutes of the Roads Committee meeting of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 be approved...carried.

Staff gave an update on the *Good Roads Heads up Alert email* that was discussed at the September Roads committee meeting, no answer was received from the City of Sudbury and it will no longer be a discussion point.

**MOTION: MITCHELL AND R. STEPHENS**

Staff gave an update regarding the email highway 551/542 illumination of flashing LED light is in fact the correct lumens...carried.

**MOTION: MITCHELL AND SCOTT**

That we recommend to Council that we support the Ontario Good Roads – The Town of Blue Mountain in Principle...Carried

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program; WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

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AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support...carried.

### **MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL**

That we accept the written Roads Superintendent Report...carried.

### **MOTION: R. STEPHENS AND MITCHELL**

That we recommend to Council that the report *Seasonal Snowplow Operator 2024-11-02* be received AND FURTHER THAT Seasonal Snowplow Operator be added as a permanent yearly position.

### **MOTION: SCOTT AND MITCHELL**

That we recommend to Council that the report *Municipal Snowplow 2024-10-29* be received AND FURTHER THAT Providence Bay Sidewalks and Mindemoya's Municipal Parking lots be added to the Roads winter maintenance routes from this point forward...carried

The Committee congratulated The Roads Superintendent on his completion of the Association of Ontario Roads Superintendents courses.

### **MOTION: SCOTT AND MITCHELL**

That we recommend to Council that the Roads Committee 2025 draft operating budget be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole budget meeting at the end of January 2025 for further review...carried.

### **MOTION: MITCHELL AND SCOTT**

That we recommend to Council that the year-to-date financial report for the Road Committee ending October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 be approved...carried.

### **MOTION: MITCHELL AND SCOTT**

That we now go in camera to consider an issue under section 239 (2) F of the Municipal Act...carried.

### **MOTION: SCOTT AND MITCHELL**

That we now come out of in camera...carried.

### **MOTION: SCOTT AND MITCHELL**

That we recommend to Council that the letter discussed in camera be received and that staff proceed as per the recommendation of the committee ...carried

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The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Councillor D. Scott at 8:25 p.m.