



Minutes COP Committee

**January 10, 2012
Township of Puslinch Office**

Present: Glenna Smith, Dave Haley, Sgt. Mike Ashley, Sandra Solomon, Vaughan Norman, Holly Franklin, Wayne Stokley, Susan Fielding, Doug Smith, Bill Currie, Paul Anderson and Ted Laws.

Regrets: Ron Van Ooteghem.

Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

1. Welcome

- Glenna welcomed everyone and commented on the good turnout.
- Two items were added to the Agenda: Election of Officers and Entertainment.

2. Minutes of October 26, 2011 and November 22, 2011 meetings

- Sandra highlighted points in the minutes for both meetings.
- Both minutes were approved.

3. Business from Minutes not covered by reports

COP Conference

- Glenna, Doug, Dave, Vaughan and Sandra had attended.
- All felt it was a good conference.
- If anyone was interested in the report Sandra had done up, please contact her for a copy.

Family Violence Presentation Night

- We had accomplished a lot and would do it again.
- Wayne suggested that the next time we should sell tickets (for a nominal fee) ahead of time so we had some idea of numbers.
- All thought this was a good idea.
- Susan mentioned that she is now on the Guelph Mercury Editorial Board
- Her first column appears on January 18th and she chose Domestic Violence as the topic.
- The Committee felt that a lot of opportunities had not been taken by the speaker on November 9th (appreciating the presence of so many men, for one) and Susan has used her column to address the issue.
- Glenna had received a letter of thanks from Liz Kent from Victim Services Wellington for their portion of the funds raised at the event.

Update on Matlby Road paving

- Bill commented that the road was partially paved.
- Wayne noted that Capital Paving had run out of time to complete it before the cold weather arrived.
- Finishing it would be top priority in the spring.

- Even unfinished, Bill was noticing that speed was becoming an issue.
- There are 18 homes and 2 severances between Victoria and Watson Roads
- When the golf course is in operation there will be a lot more traffic.
- Pedestrians are concerned about their safety.
- Bill was wondering if the speed limit could be set at 60 kph.
- Hume Road has a lot of houses on it and the speed limit is 60 kph.
- Susan commented that Council is looking at speed limits on gravel roads and even on those there are diverse opinions.
- She felt, now that Maltby Road is paved, it would be a tough sell to get the speed limit reduced.
- Wayne noted that they were hoping to build up the sides of the road and have paved shoulders with a white line along the edge to give pedestrians safe passage.
- Because of the steep shoulders this may be a problem.
- He suggested that Bill might like to make a presentation to Council to bring the concerns of the residents to their attention.
- Each road needs to be looked at on an individual basis.
- Amendments to the by-law relate to specific roads.
- The by-law also addresses the maintenance required on roads depending on the type (gravel or paved) and the speed limit.
- Bill also mentioned that 6 school buses also use the road as part of their route.
- Bill commented on how much he appreciated Don Creed's swift attention to the 1 foot drop at his mail box after the paving was done.

Bill

Concession 7

- Wayne reported that Council had decided it is not necessary to lower the speed limit to 60 kph.
- Don Creed is going to look at other means to make the road safer.
- Glenna questioned whether Bill Sims, who had raised the issue, had been notified of the decision.
- As far as Susan and Wayne knew, Council was not informing him.
- Glenna will call Bill and inform him.

Glenna

OPP Crime Statistics for 2011

- Glenna had received the OPP Crime statistics for the last 5 years
- It was interesting to note that calls had declined steadily over the past 5 years.
- The only areas to see an increase were crimes against person, robbery and domestic violence.
- Mike commented that this could well be the result of the COP/SCC Committee's activities.

4. New Name of Committee (SCC)

- Glenna read the information relating to the new name of the Committee and the goals that Insp. Smith envisioned.
- The Committee had some concerns with the new structure
- Mike commented that the other COP Committees were having trouble getting established and the Erin did not want to change the name

- The Committee felt that we needed to discuss the matter further.
- As there was a lot of confusion about what was expected of us, it was decided to ask Insp. Smith to attend our meeting on January 25th to give us some direction.

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5. Goals for 2012

- Glenna asked what the Committee would like to focus on during 2012.
- Sandra asked that Road Watch and Domestic Violence both be continued.
- The Committee agreed that there was still work to be done in both areas, but especially with Domestic Violence (there had been a dramatic increase in the reports to the OPP in 2011 which could possibly be due to the attention we were giving it).
- Ted asked if we were interested in implementing the Vial of Life throughout the community.
- Mini Lakes had already done this and it was being adopted at the Arboretum in Guelph.
- All agreed it was a good idea.
- In summary, our goals for the year will be to continue with Road Watch and Domestic Violence and look at implementing the Vial of Life in the community.

6. Meeting Dates for 2012

- The following meeting dates were set for the year:
- January 25th, February 22nd, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, August 15th, September 26th, October 24th and the date for November will be decided closer to the time (this will be our Family Violence Event Night).

7. New Committee Logo

- Mike had received the new logo and forwarded it to Glenna and Sandra
- Sandra expressed concern with the logo saying it was repetitive, too large and not balanced.
- When corresponding with Insp. Smith via e-mail in November, Sandra had been told that each Committee would have the opportunity for input into the design of the logo and that we had until March to do so.
- Sandra had made some changes to the logo we had been given.
- The Committee still prefers the original logo (just change COP to SCC if we have to)
- To be discussed with Insp. Smith on January 25th.

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8. Election of Officers

- Sue nominated Glenna for Chair; seconded by Dave. Carried.
- Sue nominated Sandra for Secretary; seconded by Mike. Carried.
- Glenna would like a report to go to the Pioneer each month. Sue volunteered to do this.
- Dave will continue as Road Watch Chair.

9. Road Watch Report

- Dave had misunderstood the request to order Road Watch signs before the end of the year.
- He had been contacted by Larry Schmidt who has been appointed by Centre Wellington Council to form a Road Watch Committee.
- Dave has been providing Larry with as much help/information as possible.

10. Mike's Report

- Mike did not have anything further to report.

11. Budget for Council

- Glenna reminded everyone of Council's response to our request to reinstate the balance of the Road Watch funds. (See November 22nd minutes).
- We had the option of continuing as we had in the past (asking Council for a specific amount for the year and having staff handle reimbursements) or to open our own account and be responsible for the handling of our own finances.
- The Committee was not in favour of having our own account and also did not want to have Road Watch as a separate line item.
- If the Committee's name changes there will be additional expenses this year.
- We also have to allow for Road Watch implementation expenses, funding for our special projects, advertising, etc.
- Glenna will send Council a letter requesting \$1,000.00 for the year.

Glenna

12. Other Business

New Banner:

- Once a decision has been made regarding the Committee name, Glenna will look into purchasing a new banner.

Glenna

13. Entertainment

- Glenna had received an invitation from Duff's Church to participate in their Priceless Puslinch Showcase on March 24 and 25, 2012.
- All the Committees and groups in the community were being asked to participate by doing a short skit (total time 8 minutes).
- If needed, they could provide some of the props.
- Glenna and Susan had a few suggestions regarding topics but the Committee was asked to present ideas at the January 25th meeting.
- Glenna will contact Duff's and tell them that we will participate.

All Committee

Glenna

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Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting January 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm. at Township Offices.