



Special Council Minutes

October 3, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Whitby Operations Centre
333 McKinney Drive

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lundquist (Arrived at 1:28 p.m.)
Councillor Mulcahy
Councillor Shahid (Left at 1:56 p.m.)
Councillor Yamada (Arrived at 1:14 p.m., Left at 2:25 p.m.)

Regrets: Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Lee

Also Present: S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
F. Santaguida, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor
M. Dodge, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
K. Narraway, Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
K. Douglas, Sr. Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call To Order: The Mayor
 2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
There were no declarations of conflict of interest.
 3. Welcome & Introductions
Mayor Roy provided a brief introduction to the purpose of the School Zone Community Safety Summit and attendees introduced themselves.
 4. Presentations
 - 4.1 T. Painchaud, Sr. Manager of Transportation Services
Re: Traffic Calming Plan

T. Painchaud, Sr. Manager of Transportation Services, provided a presentation regarding the Town's Traffic Calming Plan, including the current traffic calming practices and development of the new Traffic Calming Policy.

4.2 A. Gratton, Manager of Enforcement Services, and A. Albrecht, Supervisor of Parking Services

Re: School Zone Parking Enforcement

A. Gratton, Manager of Enforcement Services, and A. Albrecht, Supervisor of Parking Services, provided a presentation regarding School Zone Parking Enforcement, including current and future school zone parking enforcement strategies.

A question and answer period ensued regarding controlled kiss and ride zones and automatic licence plate recognition software.

5. School Zone Community Safety Roundtable Discussions

5.1 Inspector Mitch Martin, Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS)

Re: DRPS Question and Answer Period

Inspector Mitch Martin, Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) provided an overview of the DRPS Central West Division operations and initiatives. Highlights of the overview included:

- the DRPS Community Response Team;
- the Region's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan;
- crime trends in Whitby communities and schools; and,
- automatic speed cameras in school zones.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- DRPS staffing requirements, including proposed funding sources; and,
- challenges concerning speed and traffic enforcement.

5.2 Durham District School Board (DDSB) and Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)

Re: Whitby School Community Councils (SCC) Feedback

Discussion ensued between attendees regarding:

- prioritizing safety in the Town's Community Strategic Plan in accordance with public feedback;
- the influence of social media on the perception of community safety;
- challenges with attracting volunteers for School Community Councils (SCC);
- implementing and enforcing designated school parking zones on adjacent side streets to alleviate traffic congestion;
- development of a school zone safety task force;
- prohibiting parking on streets near schools and enforcement strategies;
- the communication strategy for school zone parking safety initiatives;
- addressing transit gaps;
- ensuring alignment between perception and reality regarding safety concerns with youth;
- after school programs and facilities available to students; and,
- the need for new school facilities to meet population growth demands.

6. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Councillor Leahy

Seconded by Councillor Cardwell

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Kevin Narraway, Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor