



Special Council Minutes

October 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
Whitby Operations Centre
333 McKinney Drive

Present: Mayor Roy
Councillor Leahy
Councillor Lundquist
Councillor Mulcahy (Arrived at 1:09 p.m.)
Councillor Shahid (Arrived at 1:14 p.m.)
Councillor Yamada (Arrived at 1:17 p.m.)

Regrets: Councillor Bozinovski
Councillor Cardwell
Councillor Lee

Also Present: 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 (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 regarding the purpose of the Community Safety Roundtable and attendees introduced themselves.
 4. Presentations
 - 4.1 P. Angelo, Director of Engineering and T. Painchaud, Sr. Manager, Transportation Services, Town of Whitby
Re: Traffic Calming Plan Updates

T. Painchaud, Sr. Manager, Transportation Services provided a presentation regarding Traffic Calming Plan Updates. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the process the Town is undertaking to develop a new Traffic Calming Policy and associated Traffic Calming Guide;
- details about upcoming workshops with stakeholders and public engagement sessions regarding the draft Traffic Calming Policy;
- how data is collected regarding traffic volumes and the Town's focus on school zone safety;
- information about streets in the Town where traffic calming measures were installed in 2024; and,
- the different types of traffic calming measures available for use.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding the status of the ongoing project to determine how the Town may regulate e-mobility devices and the effectiveness of flexible bollards on roads in school zones.

4.2 A. Gratton, Sr. Manager of Enforcement Services, Town of Whitby

Re: By-law Enforcement Technology

A. Gratton, Sr. Manager, Enforcement Services provided a presentation regarding By-law Enforcement Technology. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the Town's recent adoption of the Administrative Penalties System (APS) for parking enforcement;
- benefits of the APS versus the former Provincial Offences Act system;
- the ability for the Town's Enforcement Services Officers to issue penalty notices by personal service or by mail;
- an outline of the process to dispute a penalty notice issued through the APS;
- information about the Town's new Traffic By-law, including a tiered and escalating fine structure for penalty notices;

- details about the use of a Licence Plate Recognition system by Enforcement Services; and,
- a year over year comparison of school zone enforcement in 2023 and 2024.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- communicating information about the APS and penalty notices to school administrators to share with students;
- the Town's Short Term On-Street parking program;
- how information about the tiered and escalating fine structure is detailed on penalty notices; and,
- feedback received from school communities about the APS.

5. Community Safety Roundtable Discussions

5.1 Inspector Gill Lock, Durham Regional Police Service

Re: Durham Regional Police Service Question and Answer Period

Inspector Gill Lock, Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) provided updates regarding:

- the number of schools in Central West Division;
- the "In The Zone" school safety initiative organized by DRPS;
- statistics about the number of Provincial Offence Notices issued and the number of vehicle collisions in and around school zones; and,
- how residents can report dangerous and aggressive driving through the Road Watch Program.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- working with DRPS to identify and prioritize school zones that require enforcement;
- vehicle noise concerns and challenges associated with noise enforcement;
- locations in the Town that experience a high rate of vehicle collisions;

- designated community safety zones being eligible locations for automated speed cameras;
- ensuring operators of e-mobility devices exercise caution around pedestrians and when crossing intersections; and,
- DRPS School Liaison Officers and the role that they play in fostering safer school communities.

5.2 F. Santaguida, Commissioner, Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor, Town of Whitby

Re: Question and Answer Period and Feedback from Whitby School Community Councils

F. Santaguida, Commissioner, Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor facilitated a discussion amongst attendees regarding:

- how Town Staff work with Durham Student Transportation Services to receive updated information about school populations to determine where crossing guards are needed;
- two new schools opening in the West Whitby area in the near future;
- how school sites are identified through a collaborative exercise between School Boards and the Town's Planning and Development Department;
- making the construction of new schools more efficient by using pre-approved school designs from the Ministry of Education;
- how schools communicate with their student populations to encourage walking;
- opportunities to improve communication between School Boards and the Town to identify walking routes that require winter maintenance;
- providing education and training to residents to ensure understanding of traffic calming measures and roundabouts; and,
- managing construction traffic around schools in order to keep students safe.

6. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Shahid

Seconded by Councillor Lundquist

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Kevin Narraway, Deputy Clerk

Elizabeth Roy, Mayor