

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

October 19th, 2023

At 6:00 pm

1. Call meeting to order
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes – May 4, 2023
5. Speed Limit Reduction
 - I. Lynch Road
 - II. Micksburg Road
 1. Micksburg Road Speed Reduction Request
6. Next meeting
7. Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

Operations Committee

Date: Thursday, May 4th, 2023

Present: Committee members present were Brian Hamilton (Chair), Michael Donohue, Angela Field, and Keith Gourley.
Staff members present were CAO/Clerk Jennifer Charkavi, Public Works Superintendent (Acting) Steve Visinski and Treasurer-Deputy CAO/Clerk Kelly Coughlin.

Kevin LeGris sent regrets.

Guest Brady Neill

1. Brian Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None at this time

3. Approval of Agenda – 2023-05-01

Moved by: Kevin LeGris

Seconded by: Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee approve the agenda for the May 4, 2023, Operations Committee meeting as presented this date.

“Carried”

4. Adoption of Amendment of Minutes – February 3rd, 2023 – 2023-05-02

Moved by: Michael Donohue

Seconded by: Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED to amend the second sentence in the third paragraph of item 3 in the minutes of the February 3, 2023 Operations Committee to read:
Public Works Superintendent Visinski replied that if the grader was fixed at the lower cost it would be operational but his concern remained the substantial workload demanded of the Township’s now almost twenty year-old frontline grader.

“Carried”

Adoption of Amended Minutes – February 3rd, 2023 – 2023-05-03

Moved by: Angela Field

Seconded by: Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee approve the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on February 3, 2023, as amended.

“Carried”

5. Speed Limit Reduction Request – 2023-05-04

Moved by: Michael Donohue

Seconded by: Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Operations Committee recommends to continue to monitor the speed and traffic counts on Lynch and Colton Roads, and to place Hidden Intersection and Children Playing signs on Lynch and Colton Roads.

“Carried”

Brady Neill presented his request to Committee. He noted that many vehicles are travelling over the speed limit and residents are concerned for walkers, bikers and Childrens’ safety. He identified that after he made his initial complaint that the speeding did stop and believes that this was due to the investigation of staff of other residents in the area.

Committee discussed the issue and was satisfied with the recommendations of staff. Committee also recognized that Lynch Road is to be repaired this year and that the repair may lead to more traffic concerns. Staff stated that after the road is fixed it will be monitored again.

Councillor Field also added that this item had been discussed at the recent Police Services Board meeting.

6. Cold Mix Pricing – 2023-05-05

Moved by: Michael Donohue

Seconded by: Keith Gourley

BE IT RESOLVED that the Operations Committee directs staff to purchase cold mix product from Greenwood Paving for 2023.

“Carried”

7. Gravel Tender Extension – 2023-02-06

Moved by: Keith Gourley

Seconded by: Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee recommends to Council to accept the extended terms of the gravel contract from Cavanagh Construction at a price of \$13.15 per tonne for the year 2023.

“Carried”

Committee discussed the increase in cost. Staff explained that delivery charges made up some of the increase and that fuel is used through the whole process affecting the price. Staff did note that a new tender should be considered in the future.

8. Winter Sand Extension – 2023-05-07

Moved by: Keith Gourley

Seconded by: Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee recommends to Council to accept the extended terms of the winter sand tender from Barr's Sand and Gravel at a price of \$9.89 per tonne for the year 2023.

“Carried”

Staff stated that the Township is very fortunate to continue to receive very good pricing from Barr Sand and Gravel. Staff did reach out for costs and also polled neighbouring municipalities to ensure the Township is receiving good pricing.

9. McMahan Road - 2023-05-08

Moved by: Keith Gourley

Seconded by: Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Admaston/Bromley Operations Committee recommends that Council request the County of Renfrew to review the McMahan Road Culvert as it has met the requirements of the County of Renfrew Policy P02 – Bridges and all predecessor County Bridge Policies from the time it was installed, that it was an oversight that it was not transferred previously to the County and that it should now be adopted into the County's jurisdiction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the McMahan Road Culvert is also an emergency repair at this time as per the County of Renfrew policy.

“Carried”

Staff indicated that they received a call on April 22 concerning the road, upon inspection it was determined that the culvert was compromised and in need of replacement. This culvert was always assumed to be a County Culvert as its size meets the County's policy requirements and it has not been inspected. Staff contacted the County and they also did not have the culvert on their list and also were not inspecting it. Staff have discussed the culvert replacement with the County and their staff are investigating to see if it was missed in their program.

Mayor Donohue explained the process to request that the County review this culvert.

Committee questioned whether or not the culvert is the Township's responsibility at this time? Staff answered yes, until the County takes it into its jurisdiction. Committee asked if there was anything more that can be done to ensure the stability of the road until its fixed? Staff have measures in place and have more measures should they become necessary.

10. Next Meeting

To be determined by the Chair.

9. Adjournment – 2023-05-09

Moved by: Angela Field

Seconded by: Michael Donohue

BE IT RESOLVED that May 4, 2023 Township of Admaston/Bromley Operations Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

“Carried”

Chair

Clerk

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REPORT

Date: October 19th, 2023
To: Operations Committee
From: Steve Visinski
Re: Lynch Road Speed Concerns

Background:

As Council is aware there were some concerns brought forward by residents prior to the reconstruction of Lynch Road. At the Operations Committee meeting held May 4, 2023 these concerns were received. The concerns were based on traffic speed, sightlines and signage. There were also concerns that after completing construction this would create higher traffic speeds due to a smoother road surface.

At the May Committee meeting it was recommended that signs be erected and the speeds be monitored again after construction. Township Staff have since installed a Hidden Intersection and Watch For Children Playing signage in the appropriate locations and have monitored the speeds once again with our traffic counters.

Discussion:

During the reconstruction of Lynch Road lower lying areas have been raised to help with road drainage as well as improved sightlines. Traffic counters had been installed prior to construction as well as after construction was completed. The traffic counters were installed for a week at a time. Prior to construction there was a traffic count of 1432 vehicles total. 179 vehicles per day, with an average speed of 60.29 km/h. Weeks after completing construction traffic counters were installed once more with a total of 2123 vehicles, a daily average of 303.29 and an average speed of 61.73 km/h. This was an increase of 691 vehicles in total with only an increase of 1.44 km/h after construction was completed.

It is important to note that the speed limits have been reduced on Kennelly Road and on Opeongo Road to 60 km/hr and the average speed detected by the traffic counters between the two is approximately 80km/hr. Reducing the speed is not going to deter

motorists from travelling at the speed they desire. Reducing the speed may in fact provide a false sense of security to the residents.

Lynch Road – Stone Road to Colton Road

61.73	941	1182	2123	303.29
Av. Speed			Total Count	Av. Daily Count

Lynch Road – Colton Road to McNulty Road

50.22	139	429	568	81.14
Av. Speed			Total Count	Av. Daily Count

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

People Consulted:

CAO/Clerk

Recommendation for Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee does not recommend reducing the speed on Lynch Road.

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REPORT

Date: October 19th, 2023
To: Operations Committee
From: Steve Visinski
Re: Micksburg Road Speed Concerns

Background:

Council received communication from residents along Micksburg Road concerning the rates of speed. The residents are concerned with the increase in traffic and the speeds at which the traffic is travelling, especially when children are being picked up and dropped off from school. The communication includes mention of the speeds found within the Highway Traffic Act. For the Highway Traffic Act, the Township of Admaston/Bromley was a township in January of 2003 and as such all roads in the Township are at the rate of speed of 80 km/hr, unless stipulated otherwise by by-law.

Prior to amalgamation, a portion of Micksburg Road, McGuinty to 500 m past the intersection of McGaghan, is a 60 km/hr speed limit.

The residents are requesting the speed limit to be reduced to 50 km/hr on Micksburg Road from Cobden Road to Highway 41, however, the township's jurisdiction ends at Stoqua Creek Road.

Discussion:

Staff placed the traffic counters on Micksburg Road from October 3 to October 10, 2023. The traffic counters do show a lot of traffic on Micksburg Road, but for the most part, drivers are following the speed limit through the defined area of 60 km/hr.

Staff reached out to the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP as Micksburg Road falls under their jurisdiction. Acting Inspector MacNeil provided the following information:

Please find data for Micksburg Rd for the last 5 years

- 15 speeding Traffic complaints, (6 for dump trucks, 6 for regular vehicles, 2 for just speed and bus safety when kids get picked up),
- 3 Traffic Enforcements (2 stunt drive and one radar enforcement occurrence),
- 2 Motor Vehicle Collisions, (there was a total of 17 but 12 were vs deer, 2 by other action and possibly 2 where speed may have been a factor),
- 18 E-ticket incidents including warnings, unrelated to speed.

Micksburg Road is a well travelled road that sees much traffic diverted from other major roads. Reducing the speed on the whole road would cause ripple effects to the other major roads, seeing their traffic increased.

Summaries of the week:

Cobden Road to McGuinty Road – 80 km/hr section

78.42	1859	1848	3707	463.38
Av. Speed			Total Count	Av. Daily Count

McGuinty Road to McGaghran Road – 60 km/hr section

56.62	1464	1710	3174	396.75
Av. Speed			Total Count	Av. Daily Count

McGaghran Road to Burwell Road – 80 km/hr section

76.32	1120	1265	2385	298.13
Av. Speed			Total Count	Av. Daily Count

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

People Consulted:

CAO/Clerk

Recommendation for Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Committee does not recommend reducing the speed on Micksburg Road.

Dear Mayor Donohue and Councillors LeGris, Field, Gourley and Hamilton

I am writing to the Admaston-Bromley Township council on behalf of the residents along the Micksburg Road in and adjacent to the village of Osceola.

In recent years, there has been a substantial increase in the volume of traffic on the Micksburg Road. This includes personal and commercial (quarry, long-haul transport, etc.) vehicles seven days a week.

Due to the geographic layout of the village, which has steep inclines at both ends, vehicles often pick up speed as they descend an incline and then increase their speed to ascend the other. In addition, due to this topography, there are blind spots along the Road in the village and at its intersection with the McGaghran Road and Fitzpatrick and McGee Streets.

A number of families with children live along the road. Their children must wait at the edge of the Micksburg Road for their daily travel to and from school.

It is my understanding that under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), roadways within a local municipality or within a built-up area and not named in a by-law are deemed to be 50 kilometres per hour. Elsewhere the speed limit varies between 60 and 80km per hour.

Osceola certainly is a built up area. A town or village is defined as one that has a place of worship or meeting place. Osceola has as its main feature St. Pius V church as well as the Old Town Hall. Therefore, under this definition, it seems to qualify as a village.

The current speed limit on the Micksburg Road is posted outside the village at either end as 60km per hour. However, the road is a long one extending from the Cobden Road to Highway 42. According to the Ontario Traffic Act, on rural roadways the speed limit ranges from 60 to 80km.

We, who have signed the attached petition, request the Admaston-Bromley township council reduce the speed limit to 50 km per hour and post signs at each intersection along Micksburg Road to address this serious safety concern.

The 30 signers of this petition I look forward to your response.



Blaine Marchand
495 Micksburg Road
Osceola

c.c. Jennifer Charkavi



Petition to the Admaston-Bromley Township Council

August, 2022

We, the undersigned, request that the Admaston-Bromley Council reduce the speed limit along the Micksburg Road, in the hamlet of Osceola, from 60km/hr to 50km/hr.

In recent years, traffic along the Micksburg Road has increased substantially. There are now more aggregate stone trucks, long-haul transport trucks as well as personal cars and trucks using the road daily and regularly.

Given the long inclines on both sides of the hamlet, vehicles pick up speed when descending and then accelerate to mount the steep rise in the road on the other side. As the hamlet has houses with families, children and pets, there is a need to make the roadway safer for the residents.

We, therefore, put forward this motion to be discussed and recommend your approval of it at an upcoming council meeting.

Name	Address	Signature
Blaine Marchand	495 Micksburg Rd.	Blaine Marchand
TERESA COULAS	515 MICKSBURG RD.	Teresa Coulas
PATRICK THOMAS	523 MICKSBURG RD	Patrick Thomas
Gerald Walsh	7 M ^c Gee St Osceola	Gerald Walsh
Lacey Ermorskie	35 M ^c Gee St	Lacey Ermorskie
JAMES R. ROBERTSON	503 MICKSBURG ROAD	James R. Robertson
Kay O'Gorman	327 Micksburg Rd	Kay O'Gorman
Kevin O'Gorman	327 Micksburg Rd	Kevin O'Gorman
Rosalie Mulligan	517 Micksburg Rd	Rosalie Mulligan
Nyle Agnew	655 Micksburg Rd	Nyle Agnew
Jayne Agnew	655 Micksburg Rd	Jayne Agnew
Angela Brownlee	672 Micksburg Rd	Angela Brownlee
Kristine Mutter	690 Micksburg Rd	Kristine Mutter
Corey Vancouver	690 Micksburg Rd	Corey Vancouver

Name	Address	Signature
Nancy Thomas	51 McLaughran Rd.	N Thomas
BRAD THOMAS	51 McLaughran Rd	Brad Thomas
Svitlana Sharuba	29 McGee st.	S. Sharuba
Patrick McHugh	46 Fitzpatrick Sr.	PATRICK McHUGH
Diane O'Kane-McHugh	46 Fitzpatrick St.	Diane O'Kane-McHugh
CECELIA McHUGH	46 FITZPATRICK ST.	Cecilia McHugh
BRIAN ETNANSKIE	477 MICKSBURG RD.	Brian Etanski
Ali Recarski	409 Micksburg road	Ali Recarski
Brandon Recarski	409 Micksburg road	Brandon Recarski
BERNARD RECOSKI	403 MICKSBURG	BTR.
Miranda Mulligan	15 Pit Rd	Miranda Mulligan
Cathy Bartlett	494 Micksburg Rd	Cathy Bartlett
Basil Etanski	494 MICKSBURG RD	BASIL ETANSKI
PAM ETNANSKIE	477 MICKSBURG RD	Pam Etanski
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