



Subject: Port Robinson East Traffic Safety Review Update

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

That the Report **BE RECEIVED** for Information.

Key Facts

- At its meeting on February 28th, 2023 Council approved the recommendations set out in Report PWCS 12-2023. In addition, Council added a direction to staff to respond to the questions raised by a local resident within a six-week time line.
- The purpose of this report is to provide an update on this project and to identify the next steps in the process.

Budgetary Status

This report is for information purposes. There are no budget impacts at this time.

Analysis

Council's approval of the recommendations in Report PWCS 12-2023 authorized the emergency repair of damaged guide rail on River Street and set out a strategy to invite public input into six (6) recommended traffic engineering solutions aimed at calming the traffic in the built-up areas of the community. A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Darlene Ryan Community Centre with notices hand delivered to residential properties within approximately 150m radius of the Bridge St./River St. intersection. Notice of the PIC has also been included on the City's website and social media platforms.

The intent is to receive public feedback and to share it with the Active Transportation Committee and Safe Roads Committee at their upcoming meetings on April 25th and May 3rd, respectively.

With respect to the questions raised at the Council meeting please be advised as follows;

1. The scope of the emergency repairs included the replacement of the entire length of the existing east side guide rail (approximately 205m in length).
2. The work was procured shortly after the accident occurred and installed during the week of March 6th (as weather permitted).
3. The City currently owns one (1) pair of portable speed monitoring signs and are planning to purchase two (2) new sets.
4. Niagara Region Police Services CORE unit has been coordinating its efforts with representatives from the City of Thorold, Ontario Power Generation, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority and the City of Welland. The group has met on six (6) occasions since its inception in July 2022.
5. Staff have inquired regarding the status of a Police Report on the February 3rd, 2023 accident and have received no further information to date.
6. Niagara Region Police Services is preparing a social media campaign and reminding drivers and operators of ATV's of the need for the responsible operation of all vehicles. This campaign is a coordinated effort being led by the NRPS.
7. The City's Urban Roads Resurfacing Program/Budget for 2023 does not include River St. at this time.

Alternatives Reviewed

None.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

The actions taken on this matter are consistent with Council's Strategic Priorities;

- Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning
- Vibrant, Inclusive Neighbourhoods

Other Pertinent Reports

- PWCS 12-2023

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Appendices

None