



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD  
PROCEEDINGS OF ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**RSC 2-2023  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023  
Video Conference**

Committee Members    Councillors D'Angela and DeRose; G. Gifford, M. Milburn  
Present via Video    (Committee Chair), V. Prabhakar, M. Tilbrook, P. Webb, Staff  
Conference:    Sargent

Absent:    D. Del Cueto, M. Rahman (Vice Chair)

Staff Present via    S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering , S. Hansen, Legislative  
Video Conference:    Assistant

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**1.    Call to Order**

Committee Chair Milburn called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**2.    Land Acknowledgement**

Committee Chair Milburn read the land acknowledgement.

**3.    Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4.    Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by:    V. Prabhakar

Seconded by:    M. Tilbrook

That Agenda RSC 2-2023, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**5.1 RSC 1-2023**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Moved by: V. Prabhakar

Seconded by: M. Tilbrook

That Minutes RSC 1-2023, being the minutes of the Road Safety Committee meeting on February 1, 2023, **BE ADOPTED**, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

**7. Committee Business**

**7.1 Road Safety Messaging**

M. McRae, Community Relations Specialist, provided an introduction and recommended the committee put together monthly road safety messaging from August to December.

Committee members discussed potential methods of conveying the information to residents including printing and delivering hard copy newsletters, radio segments, firefighter walks and water bill mail outs.

Committee members discussed including the following road safety tips:

- Information on e-bikes and scooters for August
- Back to school safety and crossing guard safety for September;
- Bike safety tips.

**7.2 DS 20-2023**

Removal of Holding: 2 South Main Street

S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, provided background information on 2 South Main Street. He informed the committee that council referred this item to the Road Safety Committee for a modified recommendation or an approval to move forward with the rezoning. Councillor DeRose enquired whether staff is in support of the project. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, advised that he is in support and has no concerns due to the low levels of traffic in the area.

Councillor DeRose enquired whether there are sidewalks. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, advised that the area would require sidewalks in the future, however, it should be done as part of the city's road reconstruction.

M. Tilbrook raised that there is only one entrance into this area. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, agreed and stated that in the future the city will look into mediating this concern.

Councillor D'Angela informed the committee that an overall traffic study will be completed.

Moved by: M. Milburn

Seconded by: V. Prabhakar

That Report DS 20-2023, dated April 11, 2023, respecting Removal of Holding: 2 South Main Street, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Zoning By-law Amendment to remove the Holding (H) symbol from the property known as 2 South Main Street **BE APPROVED**.

**CARRIED**

### 7.3 PWCS 41-2023

#### Port Robinson East Traffic Safety Review Update

S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, informed the committee that a public information center was held for traffic safety improvements in Port Robinson East and that the feedback from the public meeting was used to create a new design.

Councillor D'Angela enquired whether traffic monitoring signs could be put in this area ahead of the next public information meeting. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, stated it is not feasible before the next public meeting, however, counting was completed in this area last month, and that speed monitoring signs were on.

7.4 RSC 2-2023

Traffic Calming- Queen Street South

S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, informed the committee that a traffic review was conducted on Queen Street South between Highway 58 and Beaverdams Road. He advised that counting showed 85 percent of vehicles were travelling at 52 km/hour, and that traffic calming would not be warranted. He further advised that the individuals who requested the City implement traffic calming measures would be notified of the result.

Councillor DeRose advised that he had met with the Region regarding putting a three way stop at the corner of Queens Street South and Beaverdams Road and enquired whether anything has been done. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, stated that the matter had been referred to the Region and they have not received an update.

Committee members discussed lowering the speed limit to 40 kilometers an hour. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, informed the committee that the City of St. Catharines is completing a pilot project where they reduced the speed limit in a specific section of the city. He recommended using the data from the City of St. Catharines' project to guide the committee's recommendation.

Moved by: V. Prabhakar

Seconded by: M. Tilbrook

That the Road Safety Committee **RECOMMENDS** staff do not proceed with the traffic study and that a letter **BE SENT** to residents advising that traffic calming is not required.

**CARRIED**

7.5 Broderick Ave Road Reconstruction

Committee Chair Milburn enquired why the road is being reduced in width. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, advised that the design element came from the Transportation Master Plan, which establishes maximum road widths. He further elaborated that reducing the width of roads causes drivers to slow down.

Councillor D'Angela advised that there was a public information center where residents expressed they wanted to keep the boulevard and have on-street parking.

7.6 Regent Street Parking

S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, stated that a member of the public raised a concern with parking on the North side of Regent Street during baseball games, and that staff are looking to add perpendicular parking in the area.

8. Roundtable Discussion

8.1 Davis Road

V. Prabhakar discussed increased traffic on Davis Road and suggested adding a traffic calming measure to reduce vehicle's speed. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, advised Davis Road is a Ministry of Transportation responsibility.

8.2 Lundy's Lane

V. Prabhakar discussed vehicles from Lundy's Lane not slowing down as they enter the single car roundabout connecting Barkers Parkway. He requested a sign be added on Lundy's Lane informing vehicles that a roundabout is ahead. S. Dunsmore, Manager, Engineering, advised that Lundy's Lane is the Ministry of Transportation's jurisdiction, but added staff would review the matter and could request the sign from the Ministry.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held August 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Milburn  
Committee Chair

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Sydney Hansen  
Legislative Assistant

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Matthew Trennum  
City Clerk