



**MINUTES**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**  
**Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** All members of the Public Safety Committee were in attendance this evening.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Cannon, Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Nil.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Peoples.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

3.1 Dated June 27, 2023

The following items were added to this evening's Agenda:

9.3 - Update from the County of Renfrew - White Lake Road Speed Concerns

10.2 - Reduce Speed Limit on Usborne Street from River Road to McLean Drive

**RECOMMENDATION-17-2023**

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Mackenzie Brum

***THAT the Agenda dated June 27, 2023 be adopted as amended.***

**CARRIED.**

**4. Delegations and Presentations**

Nil.

**5. Adoption of Committee Minutes**

5.1 May 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION-18-2023**

Moved by Don Lawson, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

***THAT the minutes of the May 25, 2023 Public Safety Committee meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated.***

**CARRIED.**

**6. Requests Submitted by Members of the Public****6.1 Julia Bredfeldt - Speed Concerns on Johnston Street****RECOMMENDATION-19-2023**

Moved by Don Lawson, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

***THAT*** the correspondence from Julia Bredfeldt regarding Speed Concerns on Johnston Street be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

**6.2 Angie & Doug MacCrae - Speed Concerns on Archibald Street****RECOMMENDATION-20-2023**

Moved by Mackenzie Brum, seconded by Don Lawson

***THAT*** the correspondence from Angie & Doug MacCrae regarding Speed Concerns on Archibald Street be accepted as information, as submitted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

Follow up - Gary Scholl will look into having speed signs donated and bring an update back to a future Committee Meeting.

**7. Reports**

Nil.

**8. Information Items****8.1 Fire Radio Dispatch System****RECOMMENDATION-21-2023**

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Rob Dodge

***THAT*** the Fire Radio Dispatch System correspondence be accepted as information as submitted and circulated; ***AND FURTHER THAT*** the Public Safety Committee recommends that Council proceed with purchasing the Fire Radio Dispatch System in partnership with the County of Renfrew and neighbouring participating municipalities.

**CARRIED.**

**9. Unfinished Business****9.1 Speed Concerns on River Road****RECOMMENDATION-22-2023**

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Mackenzie Brum

***THAT*** the correspondence regarding Speed Concerns on River Road be accepted as information, as submitted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

Follow Up:

Councillor Brum will speak to the CAO/Clerk about directing staff to set up the Black Cat Radar device on or around 1044 River Road for a minimum of 2 weeks during the summer months to obtain traffic information in that location.

Councillor Brum will send the results of this traffic study to the OPP for their information.

Councillor Brum will ask the OPP to provide information to the Committee with regards to the total amount of speeding tickets that have been issued in the Township from January 1 - June 30, 2023.

Mayor MacKenzie will speak to the County of Renfrew regarding the placement of the speed signs on Calabogie Road and bring this information back to a future Committee meeting.

#### 9.2 On Call Policy Comparatives

##### **RECOMMENDATION-23-2023**

Moved by Mackenzie Brum, seconded by Rob Dodge

***THAT*** the On Call Policy Comparatives be accepted as information, as submitted and circulated; ***AND FURTHER THAT*** this topic be brought forward to the next Public Safety Committee meeting for input on the specifics of the on call pay amounts.

**CARRIED.**

#### 9.3 Update from the County of Renfrew - White Lake Road Speed Concerns

Mayor MacKenzie provided a verbal report as a follow up from the County of Renfrew with regards to reducing the speed limit on White Lake Road. At this time, the County has voted in favour of leaving the speed limit as posted. With regards to the section of White Lake Road from the bridge to Highland Road, this matter will be brought forward to the County Operations Committee at a later date, once studies have been completed.

##### **RECOMMENDATION-24-2023**

Moved by Rob Dodge, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

***THAT*** the Public Safety Committee accept this verbal report as information.

**CARRIED.**

### **10. New Business**

#### 10.1 Electric Cars & Battery Fires

Councillor Brum provided a verbal update regarding lithium battery car fires and the safety concerns and costs involved with extinguishing these fires.

##### **RECOMMENDATION-25-2023**

Moved by Mackenzie Brum, seconded by Don Lawson

***THAT*** the verbal report provided by Councillor Brum regarding *Electric Cars and Battery Fires* be accepted as information.

**CARRIED.**

Councillor Brum will obtain more information regarding the foam used to extinguish lithium battery car fires and bring this information forward to Council.

10.2 10.2 - Reduce Speed Limit on Usborne Street from River Road to McLean Drive

This matter was tabled due to meeting time limit restrictions.

**11. Draft By-Laws**

Nil.

**12. Public Questions/Comments**

Nil.

**13. Notice of Upcoming Meeting Dates**

September 26, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

**14. Adjournment**

The Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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MEETING CHAIR

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