



Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention: CHIP

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Minutes

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clinton Site
Huron Perth Public Health
77722B London Rd., ON N0M 1H0

Present: Andrew Maver, Gloria Wilbee, Jodi Snell, Greg Lamport, Ric McBurney, Wayne Forster, Laura Edgar

Regrets: Constable Craig Soldan, Sean Wraight (retired; anticipating replacement)

Minute Taker: Huron Perth Public Health

1. **Welcome and call to order by Chair**

Ric McBurney

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve: Gloria Seconded: Wayne Disposition: Carried

3. **Review of Minutes of September Meeting**

Motion to approve: Wayne Seconded: Greg Disposition: Carried

4. **Financial Reports and Updates (HPPH)**

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Motion to approve: Greg Seconded: Gloria Disposition: Carried

5. **Business Arising**

5.1 **Off-Highway Vehicle Mapping Project (ATV Map)**

Greg reported back on the anticipated changes to / establishment of an ORV Bylaw in Bluewater.

Laura can now proceed with completing updates to the map. Andrew recommended connecting with Jared Spurdza at County GIS who was with the project initially in 2017.

5.2 **Cannabis Impaired Driving Initiative Update**

The MTO Grant Application from Regional Road Safety Committee (led by Grey Bruce Public Health) was unsuccessful; however, the project will continue with funding coming from many partners, including Huron Perth Public Health.



Refresher materials for our Cannabis Goggle kits were purchased from CHIP funds. Goggles were originally purchased in 2016 and have been well used in high schools via the School Resource Officer; the materials needed replenished.

In 2016, 6 pairs of goggles were purchased. 3 of these pairs have been donated to Perth OPP to scale up the success of the program.

5.3 HC Road Super Association Rep.

ACTION: Laura to request a representative (either one person; main & alternate; rotating member)

Andrew recommended we extend the invitation to CHIP to Wyatt Carey and/or Tim Ryan from County of Huron. The group accepted this recommendation and will leave to Andrew to determine most relevant appointees as relevant.

5.4 Horse & Buggy Booklet

CHIP contributed \$750 towards the printing of this resource through the Anabaptist Home, Farm and Road Safety Committee. The booklet has been printed and has been distributed to the community through the Bishops. This is the 2nd edition.

The community does not want the booklet shared online, but is okay with others having a copy as needed. A copy went back with 2-3 members, including County of Huron. Interacting with buggies during snow plowing is a part of plow driver orientation every year and complements the information in the booklet for Horse & Buggy drivers.

5.5 Road Data Project(s)

There is potential for two projects in 2025 which will help residents, elected officials, road supers and other interested parties to build a shared understanding of local collisions to begin to build shared solutions.

5.5.1 *Public Health Ontario*

Public Health Ontario has:

- a newly obtained data sharing agreement with MTO;
- expertise for data analysis and public presentation;
- hired a person to start in January to begin designing / analyzing / building a public-facing interface which makes available police-gathered, motor vehicle collision data, mapped

Laura has invited Public Health Ontario to an upcoming meeting with Good Roads re: Establishing a Rural Road Safety Program.

5.5.2 *Proposed 2025 Project: HPPH + Huron & Perth Road Super Associations*

As introduced at the September CHIP meeting, Laura and Erica presented in October at the Joint Annual Perth and Huron Road Super Association Meeting on a vision for a public-facing mapped interface of major injury and fatalities throughout the two counties. In addition to collision data, traffic count data would also be incorporated.



This project can only happen if HPPH reaches a data sharing agreement with [1] MTO OR [2] Huron OPP, Perth OPP & Stratford Police Services. If we do, our Epidemiologist can build a map from that data, calculate rates, etc.

6. Organizational Round Table Updates

6.1 **ACW** - speed complaints, Constable Wes Coast deployed in response.

6.2 **Bluewater** – Off-road vehicles update – new bylaw will soon be adopted.

6.3 **Huron East** – New fire chief: Jay Arn

6.4 **Huron Perth Public Health** – Presentation at the October Huron & Perth Road Super Meeting (proposing data mapping collaboration) & at Perth County Municipal Association Day (unrelated to road safety).

6.5 Huron County Public Works

- Roundabout for 83 and airport – expected 2025 discussion – going to council for approval – then to tender
- Traffic study at Mayne Corner with Joint Huron & Perth – study and improvements (not to council yet) – minor updates in recommendations “Traffic Operations and Safety Review for Mayne Corners”
- Blyth intersection – bugs worked out, working as should
- Exeter Construction – north lights will be full operation soon
- Invitation open to Tim Ryan and/or Wyatt Carey

6.6 **Huron OPP** – defer.

6.7 **Ministry of Transportation Ontario** - defer.

6.8 **Morris-Turnberry** – Continued correspondence from Brandon Rd residents, Belgrave

6.8 **North Huron** – none.

7. New Business

7.1 Municipal motions for the Establishment of a Rural Road Safety Program in association with Ontario Good Roads Association

Materials being distributed by Good Roads were distributed with the agenda package for review and discussion. Greg shared what the discussion at Bluewater had been. Laura shared she has a meeting on-the-books with Good Roads to learn more details. This program was proposed earlier in 2024 and endorsed by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus.

Motion to draft letter from Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) to support the establishment of a Rural Road Safety Program.

Motion: Greg Seconded: Wayne Disposition: Carried

7.2 OFA Revive Fund, Huron County Federation of Agriculture, 2025

Reviewed their successful 2024 initiative (billboards: pass safe; give space). Will request an update on any applications Revive Applications for 2025. Wayne & Laura shared with the group the ‘Farm Equipment’ signage that Bruce County Federation of Agriculture, County of Bruce, Ontario Federation of Agriculture installed.

7.3 Ontario Transit Infrastructure Fund; Rural Transit Solutions Fund



Reviewed Southwest Community Transit page & projects that had been funded through the Community Transportation Grant Program to increase travel connections between under-served areas, rural communities and urban cities. Though that funding will end in March 2025, a new funding pot has been announced – Ontario Transit Infrastructure Fund. Investigating feasibility and opportunities for collaborating with neighbouring jurisdictions is under the purview of County Economic Development. In addition to OTIF, they've applied for funding through a federal grant program as well.

ACTION: Laura to develop language around the injury + transit connection.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Constable Wes Coast – police had received a complaint re: its deployment. Parties were able to connect and respond very quickly.

9. Meeting Summary:

- 1) Draft letter of Support for Good Roads
- 2) Horse and Buggy Booklet Printed & being distributed
- 3) Off-Road Vehicle Mapping & Bylaw updates

10. Parking Lot

11 Next meeting: March 12, 2025 9:30 – 11:30, in-person at the Health Unit, Clinton

Minutes Taker: MTO

Motion to Adjourn: Greg **Seconded:** Jodi **Disposition:** Carried.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Future meeting dates:

Municipality / Organization - Minutes Taker	Date	Notes
Ministry of Transportation	December 13, 2023	
Bluewater	March 13, 2024	
Huron County Public Works	June 12, 2024	
Morris-Turnberry	September 11, 2024	
North Huron	(chair)	
Huron Perth Public Health	December 11, 2024	
Huron East	March 12, 2025	
ACW	June	



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