



**Roads and Transportation Subcommittee Summary –
Thursday, April 4, 2019 (by teleconference)**

Subcommittee: Roads and Transportation

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RPWCO Subcommittee Members Present:

Brian Titherington (Chair)	York Region	Nick Zervos	Halton Region
Edward Soldo	City of Hamilton	Kayla Dixon	City of Thunder Bay
Christian Meile	County of Simcoe	Steve Anderson	City of Guelph
David Shelsted	City of Greater Sudbury	Kellie Madden-Knox	York Region
Steven Kemp	Durham Region	Robert Di Profio	York Region
Shawna Boakes	City of Windsor	Ryan Wong	York Region

Guests:

Janis Ingram	York Region	Lauren Crawford	York Region
John La Chapelle	York Region	Tara Benoit	York Region

Regrets:

Joe Avsec	Peel Region	Mark Misko	District of Muskoka
Gary Kocialek	Peel Region	Molly Ross	District of Muskoka
Ramesh Jagannathan	Durham Region	Steve van De Keere	Region of Waterloo
Josette M. Eugeni	City of Windsor	Luc Gagne	City of Ottawa
Rob Rivers	Halton Region	Nicola Crawhall	Consultant – Westbrook Public Affairs
Quinn Michell	District of Muskoka		

Summary:

The RPWCO Roads and Transportation Subcommittee convened on Thursday, April 4th, 2019 via teleconference, with representatives from nine municipalities participating. In addition, Janis Ingram and John La Chapelle, from York Region, were present and provided a general update regarding their insights into the Federal Government's Telecommunication review via their involvement in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) submission.

With respect administrative updates, the Subcommittee agreed to finalize the its Terms of Reference. The remaining administrative items included discussion around the proposed fall 2019 in-person meeting and website update.

Regarding the ongoing Rail legal review, an update was provided regarding the next meeting in May with York University.

The last items discussed included updates on Automated Speed Enforcement, ROSCO meeting minutes, and new topics including processes for dealing with requests for unwarranted traffic signals and full-motion video advertising.

More detail with respect to each agenda items is detailed below.

The next Roads and Transportation Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled to occur in May 2019.

Telecommunications Legislative Review

- Janis Ingram and John La Chapelle advised that 5G technology carriers are increasingly pursuing the installation of small cell antenna on Hydro poles within municipal rights-of-way (ROW) with little or no municipal approvals.
 - In 2018, the federal government brought together a legislative panel (comprised of ex-telecommunication experts) to speak with interested parties and discuss what needs to be done to expand 5G implementation.
 - The Panel instructed FCM that telecom carriers consider municipalities and their existing bureaucratic approval processes an impediment to their business mandate.
 - FCM prepared a response to the legislative panel to inform them of the various concerns associated with accessing municipal ROW for the purpose of installing telecommunications infrastructure.
 - The federal government will need to advise if regulations need to change. Legislative changes are not expected until after the next federal election.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- *Any members requiring additional information can contact John.LaChapelle@york.ca (Roads and Traffic Operations) or Janis.Ingram@york.ca (Legal Services).*
- *York Region to circulate (i) the confidential FCM response letter and (ii) sample photos of small cell antennas to Subcommittee members with these minutes.*
 - **NOTE:** The confidential FCM response letter is attached. Please do not circulate outside your municipality

Administrative Update

- The subcommittee agreed to finalize the Subcommittee's Terms of Reference, which will be posted on the Dropbox and the updated RPWCO website when launched.
- The subcommittee received an offer from the District of Muskoka to host the Fall in-person subcommittee meeting.
 - Details are being planned; to be coordinated between staff from York Region and the District of Muskoka.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- *Members were asked to submit any ideas regarding content or speakers.*

RPWCO Update

- Minutes from the January 17th 2019 RPWCO will be available on Drop box.

Website Update

- An early version of the updated website has been launched. At the next subcommittee meeting, Molly Ross will provide a corresponding update.
- Molly would like to populate the updated website with some photos. Ideally photos could be provided by a cross-section of Subcommittee members. General guidelines could be as follows:
 - Photos should try to capture the essence of Roads and Transportation
 - Where applicable, photos should depict different areas of the Region (e.g. highly urbanized, suburban and rural) and should try to demonstrate the use of different modes (e.g. peds, bike, transit, autos)
 - If possible, photos should incorporate elements of transportation-related infrastructure (e.g. traffic signals, streetlighting, transitways, etc.)

Next Steps or Action Required:

- *For those who haven't already done so, please submit photos for your respective municipalities to the Subcommittee Dropbox. If you have any trouble posting photos please forward to Robert.DiProfio@york.ca or Ryan.Wong@york.ca.*

Government Relations Update

- Nicola Crawhall was unable to participate in today's meeting.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- *Brian will contact Nicola Crawhall to obtain the latest update.*

Rail Update

- Tara Benoit advised that York Region will be meeting with York University on May 14th 2019 to advance the legal review project.
- The draft report is estimated to be completed by Q4 2019 and a presentation to RPWCO is planned for Q1 2020.

Other Items

- Automated Speed Enforcement
 - Steve Kemp provided an update on the current procurement and RFP that the City of Toronto is coordinating.
 - For any Subcommittee members interested in participating in this procurement, Steve Kemp suggested they contact Mike Barnet (Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services) at the City of Toronto.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- *Steve Kemp was requested to circulate Mike Barnet's contact info (i.e. email address and phone number) to Subcommittee members.*
- School Bus Stop Arm Cameras
 - Tara Benoit (York Region) advised that:
 - The Town of Newmarket has reached out to the MTO to advocate for the implementation of cameras installed on school bus stop arms (generally referred to as 'stop-arm cameras'), i.e. in order to hold drivers accountable for breaking the school bus stopping law (Section 175 of the Highway Traffic Act).
 - MTO has responded to the Town of Newmarket and has provided various recommendations for interested municipalities if they choose to pursue this further at this time.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- *York Region to provide Subcommittee members with (iii) a copy of MTO's letter to the Town of Newmarket with these minutes.*
- ROSCO
 - Minutes from the last meeting were circulated. (No follow-up required.)
- Street lighting on Regional Roads in two-tier agencies
 - A consolidation of various responses was circulated to the subcommittee via email in February 2019. (No follow-up required.)

- Traffic Signal Warrants
 - The Region of Durham has been experiencing pressure to relax the warrants and requirements for new traffic signals, and wants to know if other Regions are experiencing similar pressure.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- Subcommittee members should share any experiences or best practices with Steven.kemp@durham.ca
- In January 2019, a report went to York Region Council regarding “Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy Review of Atypical Requests”. The report can be accessed at <https://yorkpublishing.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=2489>.

- Full-Motion Video Advertising Displays

- Steve Kemp advised that the Region of Durham has been receiving an increasing amount of requests to approve full-motion video advertising displays (e.g. on CN/CP bridge structures). Steve inquired whether any other Subcommittee members have also been dealing with this issue and associated challenges.

Next Steps or Action Required:

- Subcommittee members should share any input, experiences or best practices with Steven.kemp@durham.ca

- Schedule:

- Dates for the Roads and Transportation Subcommittee were provided. These include:

Spring April 4, 2019	Teleconference - York Region
Summer May 15, 2019	Teleconference - York Region
Fall September 19, 2019	Annual In-person Meeting Location – Muskoka
Winter January 2020	Teleconference - York Region