



# The Municipality of Dysart et al

## Regular Council Resolution

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

### Motion #24-455

Moved by Pat Casey

Seconded by Carm Sawyer

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

And whereas, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

And whereas, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

And whereas, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

And whereas, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Dysart et al requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, the Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and the Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

Further that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Walt McKechnie, Deputy Mayor

Mallory Bishop, Clerk