

Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 6, 2024, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 238-2024

Moved by Councillor Lamshead

Seconded by Councillor Nelson

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;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which 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

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support;

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

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