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June 3, 2021

Date:	07/06/2021
Refer to:	Not Applicable
Meeting Date:	June 14, 2021
Action:	null
Notes:	COW - PS
Copies to:	

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Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Room 281
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Dear Premier Ford:

Council, at their meeting held on May 25, 2021, endorsed the resolution from the Township of Brock requesting that the Provincial Government allow exceptions to the student transportation services policy and allow for turn arounds on dead-end and on private roads.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the resolution and I trust that you will give it your consideration and support.

Yours truly,

Lorna Buob
 Clerk-Treasurer

Attachment

Cc: Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education – stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org
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May 19, 2021

Premier Doug Ford
Queen's Park,
Toronto, ON
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Sent via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Durham Dead-End Road Kids

Please be advised that the Committee of the Whole of the Township of Brock received a delegation at their meeting held on May 10, 2021 and adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 05-6

MOVED by Lynn Campbell

That Dead-End Road delegations be received from parents, video, site www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca and attached correspondence and;

Whereas Dead-End Road Kids (cul-de-sacs, private roads) busing is being moved from long-time residential pick ups; percentages of 830,000 Ontario bused students impacted as Student Transportation Services (STS) citing buses shouldn't access private roads, do 3-point turns, or back ups; kids are expected to walk 1-2 km twice daily (caregivers 4x) in the morning dark or narrow road shoulders, and with no "bus stop ahead" warning signage;

Whereas parents report employment/housing is at risk as they must leave work to drop off/pick up children to avoid safety hazards of kids walking on highways unsupervised; secondary school youth reporting education at risk as missing class/affecting grades; children with disabilities are not helped (eg. double amputee who needs bus stop moved 160 ft and parents were told it's their "responsibility to get kids to bus safely");

Whereas parents are being told busing policy is schoolboard's, but schoolboard say its STS, who say it is the Governance Committee of Ministry of Transportation, but Ministry of Education say it's "transportation consortia who administer the policy"; and trustee, governance say cannot change policies, so parents appealing to police, press and Councils with respect to the dangers; and that an oncoming car killed 12 year old Cormac and injured his sister while waiting at a newly relocated bus stop at the base of a hill, and;

Whereas STS have advised road improvements are the responsibility of municipalities, yet municipalities do not own the needed land, nor have millions of dollars to create 77m bus turnarounds, and;

If this information is required in an accessible format,
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Whereas Ontario Transportation Funding is \$1 billion: Jan 27/20 Ministry said they'd improve student transportation, review funding formula; and given STS gets their funding by scoring well in reviews, and given Ministry establishing "Student Transportation Advisory Group" to hear STS sector expertise experience, and ideas;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Brock requests;

1. Exceptions to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road kids, that policies be amended to reflect; and when not possible,
2. Exceptions to allow indemnification agreements to access private land for bus turnarounds to keep bus stops safer and closer to prescribed 800m distance; and when not possible,
3. "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to STS moving common stops to main roadway and,
4. STS be comprised of solutions like mini-buses, vans, taxis or public transit worked into funding formulas so that it does not negatively impact STS funding stats; and,
5. Kid Key Performance Indicator (KPI) be included for Ministry "Effectiveness & Efficiency Follow Up Reviews", establishing benchmarks for responsive problem solving for kids & parents' busing concerns, and that this be an STS factor to receive funding; and,
6. That the Province provide a "Parent Portal" for ongoing busing feedback of their STS, so families and kids can review/provide comments, especially during Ministry STS reviews and revisions to funding; and,
7. That the Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and;

That this Motion be distributed to Premier Doug Ford; Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education; Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation; Durham MPP Lindsey Park; Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott; all Durham MPP's; Durham Region; all Ontario Municipalities; Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA); and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

MOTION CARRIED

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Department, clerks@brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Deena Hunt
Deputy Clerk



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cc. The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Ontario –
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The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock -
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All Durham MPP'S
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk, Durham Region – clerks@durham.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
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BUS STOP NOTICE OF MOTION:

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- **Whereas Dead-End Road kids (cul-de-sacs, private roads) busing being moved from long-time residential to highspeed (some 80km) common stop pickups;** percentage of 830,000 Ontario based students impacted as Student Transportation Services (STS) citing buses shouldn't access private roads, do 3-point-turns, or back up; kids expected to walk 1-2km twice daily (caregivers 4x) in morning dark, on narrow road shoulders, with no "bus stop ahead" warning signage,
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- **Whereas Ontario Transportation Funding is \$1 billion; Jan 27/20 Ministry said they'd improve student transportation,** review funding formula; and given STS gets their funding by scoring well in reviews, and given Ministry establishing "Student Transportation Advisory Group" to hear STS sector expertise, experience and ideas,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Scugog requests:

1. **Exceptions to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary,** to provide safer service to dead-end and private road kids, that policies be amended to reflect; when not possible,
2. **Exceptions to allow indemnification agreements** to access private land for bus turnarounds to keep bus stops safer and closer to prescribed 800m distance; when not possible,
3. **"Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required** to notify oncoming traffic, prior to STS moving common stop to main roadway, and
4. **STS be comprised of solutions like mini-buses, vans, taxis, or public transit,** worked into funding formula so doesn't negatively impact STS funding stats; and
5. **Kid KPI "Key Performance Indicator" be included** for Ministry "Effectiveness & Efficiency Follow Up Reviews", establishing benchmarks for responsive-problem-solving for kids & parents' busing concerns, and this be an STS factor to receive funding; and
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7. **That Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents** when children picked up/dropped off, and

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