



**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie  
Traffic Coordinating Committee Minutes**

**February 19, 2025, 12:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 1**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 12:05 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**Attendees:**

Jordan Frost, P.Eng – Acting Director of Infrastructure Services – Chair  
Aaron Hair – Project Manager of Policy – Planning & Development Services  
Ann-Marie Noyes – Councillor Ward 6 (Alternate)  
Chris McQueen – CAO  
Jennifer Pennell-Ajie – EA to the Director of IS & Division Coordinator – Secretariat  
Jenny Cornelius – Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer  
Jordan Frost, P.Eng – Manager of Engineering  
Kevin Beauchamp – Manager of Communications  
Manny Rataul – Regional Municipality of Niagara – Public Works  
Nick Chevalier – Manager of Roads and Fleet Division  
Robert Judd, P.Eng – Municipal Engineer – Infrastructure Renewal  
Staff Sgt. Mike Ryan – NRPS  
Tom Lewis – Councillor Ward 5 (joined via Teams)  
Yashesh Gandhi, EIT – Transportation Engineer in Training

**Regrets:**

Petar Vujic – Regional Municipality of Niagara – Public Works  
Darren Attree – Administrative Assistant, Engineering (alternate Secretariat)

**Guests:**

n/a

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

N/A

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

Agenda was adopted as written.

**5. Adoption of the Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting on December 4th, 2024, were adopted and on the agenda for the January 27th, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

**6. Correspondence**

A letter was sent on January 24, 2025, to the Crystal Beach BIA requesting their feedback regarding paid parking at the Erie Rd/Derby Rd parking lot.

**7. Delegations**

None

**8. Review of Outstanding Items**

See attached **Appendix 1** for the spreadsheet for review of outstanding items.

**9. New Requests**

**Parking**

**Parking on South Mill** – Behind John Brant School – Request from Fort Erie By-law to review the parking rules on South Mill.

**Resolution:** Staff will monitor the area and work on solution to alleviate traffic congestion around this school and other schools in Town. A couple of ideas include “Drive to Five” where the area around a school is mapped out for safe and legal parking within a 5 min walk of the school. Parents and caregivers would then drive to those zones and walk the rest of the way to the school with the children. Also proposing a “Walking School Bus” to the schools. Where students would gather at a meeting place in the neighbourhood and meet a responsible adult who would then walk the group to the school.

**Accessible Parking Request** – A request came in through Councillor Noyes and the Accessible Committee to review the parking options and add an Accessible Parking Space at the Post Office in Stevensville.

**Resolution:** Councillor Noyes clarified at the meeting that the request was not to have a designated accessible parking space, but rather to eliminate the parking space directly in front of the post office on the road as it impedes the cut out in the sidewalk if a car is parked there, that acts as a ramp up to the door of the post office. Mr. Frost was concerned that then we might be encouraging people to walk out into the road and live

traffic without a crossing, or safety measures in place. Staff will review the options in that area and consult with legal on this potential change.

### **Traffic Signage**

**Flashing Stop Sign Request – Nigh and Bernard** – Request came in again from Ms. Fare to install flashing lights at the stop signs at this intersection. TCC reviewed this request in the fall, but it has been requested to look at it again.

**Resolution:** This request has again been denied, as no new accidents or incidents have been reported at this intersection that would warrant the flashing lights at the stop sign.

**Elmwood and Rebstock** – Request to look at the intersection for safety. Requester states that cars do not stop here. Intersection is already a 4-way stop.

**Resolution:** Staff will deploy the traffic counters and turn counters to monitor the traffic flow at this intersection before making any recommendations for changes. Roads staff will investigate the overgrown trees on the properties at the intersection to determine whether they are private or town trees and work to have the brush cut back if needed to create better sightlines.

### **Traffic Calming & Other Requests**

**Speed limit on Michener between Ridgeway Rd and Schooley** – A resident has raised concerns about continued speeding on Michener and would like to lower the speed limit to 50 km/hr in that area.

**Resolution:** Staff will deploy traffic and speed counters in the area to study the speeds. Once data is analysed, it will be brought back to the group for discussion and recommendations.

**Friendship Trail** – Request came in to add speed humps on the roads by the Friendship Trail Crossings.

**Resolution:** The planning department has conducted a safety study for the trail crossings and are reviewing the options for any changes recommended. Budget will determine what if anything is able to get done in 2025.

**Memo** – Traffic Calming Overview (Appendix 2)

**Resolution:** Staff reviewed the updates for the traffic calming program.

**Memo – Erie Road – Pedestrian Counts (Appendix 3)**

**Resolution:** The Committee approved to move ahead with the ‘TYPE D’ crossings on Erie Rd at Eastwood Ave and Oakwood Ave. Prior to any installation, a review of the area around those crossings to ensure that if pedestrians gather in those areas to cross that there is enough room and to ensure the areas are up to AODA standards or that the work can be completed there to ensure compliance. Staff will also explore the idea of using crossing guards on busy long weekends to help with pedestrian safety while crossing the road.

**10. Streetlight Requests**

**Lewis Street and Kee Lane:** Resident would like us to install a new streetlight at this corner for safety reasons.

**Resolution:** This meets the Town’s policy to have a streetlight at every intersection as Kee Lane is a Town owned classified roadway. Staff will review the existing pole with CNP to see if the pole is able to accommodate a new light. Once determined if the pole can accommodate a light, staff will contract to have one installed. If further infrastructure is needed. A budget will have to be reviewed for possible installation.

**11. Requests for Enforcement (NRPS)**

Staff Sgt. Mike Ryan informed us that the NRPS has an email that residents can forward any requests for speed enforcement or traffic issues to [trafficcomplaints@niagarapolice.ca](mailto:trafficcomplaints@niagarapolice.ca).

**12. New Business**

**Veterans Crosswalk Painting Location Identification** – A request came in to review the possibility of painting a Veterans Crosswalk at a location in town.

**Resolution:** Staff will engage with the local Legions to find out if this is something they would like and if so, what location would be appropriate. Staff will also research the cost and effectiveness of this type of project before anything will be moved forward.

**13. Next Meeting Date**

**Wednesday, June 4th from 12pm – 2:00pm – Room 1**

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025, at 1:33 pm