



December 8, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email to: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: Correspondence received from the Region of Durham regarding Bus Stop Dead End Roads

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting of the Council of the Township of Scugog held December 6, 2021, Council received and endorsed correspondence from the Region of Durham dated November 24, 2021 with respect to Bus Stop Dead End Roads. Attached please find a copy of the Region of Durham's correspondence dated November 24, 2021.

Please be advised that Committee approved the following recommendation:

"THAT correspondence received from the Region of Durham regarding Bus Stop Dead End Roads, be endorsed."

Please note that all recommendations made by the Committee are subject to ratification at the next Council meeting of the Township of Scugog, scheduled to take place on December 20, 2021.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure at 905-985-7346 ext. 149.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Jamieson'.

Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Attachments: News Story Overview Safer Ontario Busing for Dead End Road Kids
Municipal Support Letters in response to Township of Scugog Dead-End
Road Resolution
Region of Durham's correspondence dated November 24, 2021

cc: Carol Coleman, Director of Public Works and Infrastructure
Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services, Region of Durham
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
Nadiya Viytiv, Durham Student Transportation Services
Durham Catholic District School Board
Durham District School Board
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School
Board
Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir
Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
Rod Phillips, MPP Ajax
Lindsey Park, MPP Durham
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock
David Piccini, MPP Northumberland/Peterborough South
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Pickering/Uxbridge
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
S. Siopis, Durham Region, Commissioner of Works



November 24, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Bus Stop Dead End Roads, Our File: T02

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 24, 2021, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas Dead-End Road delegations have been received from parents in attached correspondence, website www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca and video www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pCVNLsUKk&t=18s noting approximately 386 Durham Region kids and families remain in crisis walking kilometres daily to wait on highspeed roadway shoulders with winter dark coming;

And whereas the Ontario Ministry of Transportation has responded and now amended their Policy to allow and provide guidelines for reversing a school bus on a dead end road <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-ministry-transportation-mto-bus-handbook/special-safety-precautions-school-bus-drivers> which is in keeping with the previous historic practice of using smaller buses, doing 3-point turns and using a spotter in rural areas;

And whereas to date 10 municipalities across Ontario have passed a resolution endorsing Scugog's bus stops on dead end roads Resolutions CR-2021-086 (April 26, 2021) and CR-2021-175 (June 28, 2021), given family safety challenges exist on dead-end roads throughout the province;

And whereas Report PWIS-2021-022, Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds, be received noting municipal cost for construction of school bus turnarounds is prohibitive with 178 dead end roads now not accessed by Durham District School Board alone not including hundreds of roads around province, and any funds invested in turnarounds would not be consistent with asset management priorities promoted by the Province of Ontario;

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Don Beaton, BCom, M.P.A.
Commissioner of Corporate
Services

And whereas to date Durham Student Transportation Services have not re-considered the previous motions or adjusted their policies, citing Ontario Ministry of Transportation policy changes are “guidelines” only, <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/> are not “direction to school boards” <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/> , maintaining far-distanced highspeed roadside common stops are safer;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That Council request the Ministry of Education and the Province of Ontario to amend policies requiring Student Transportation Services and School Boards around the Province work with parents to facilitate the use of smaller buses, spotters, and 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on municipal roads; and

That a copy of this motion and the staff report from the Township of Scugog be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham Student Transportation Services, all school boards serving Durham Region, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #PWIS-2021-022, from the Township of Scugog, for your information.

Ralph Walton

Ralph Walton,
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

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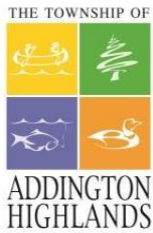
Attachment

c: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transport
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S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works

Letters of Support to the Township of Scugog's Dead-End Road Resolution

1. [Township of Addington Highlands](#)
2. [Township of Armour](#)
3. [Township of Brock](#)
4. [Municipality of Calvin](#)
5. [Township of Casey](#)
6. [Municipality of Dutton Dunwich](#)
7. [Township of Harley](#)
8. [Township of Kerns](#)
9. [Loyalist Township](#)
10. [Municipality of Southwest-Middlesex](#)
11. [Township of Uxbridge](#) has also advocated on this matter.



Township of Addington Highlands

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May 10, 2021

The Township of Scugog 181
Perry St.
P.O. Box 780
Port Perry, ON L9L 1A7
e-mailed to: kcox@scugog.ca

Re: Bus Stops on Dead End Roads

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that at their May 4th, 2021 meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Addington Highlands resolved to endorse your municipality's resolution requesting that changes be made to current policies and practices related to bus stops on dead end roads.

I trust you will find this letter of support satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Christine Reed

Christine Reed
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier – premier@ontario.ca
The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education – minister.edu@ontario.ca
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation – minister.mto@ontario.ca
Daryl Kramp, MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington – daryl.kramp@pc.ola.org



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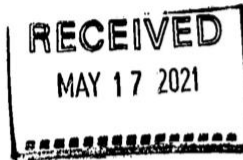
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May 12, 2021

Township of Scugog

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Port Perry, ON
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Re: Support Resolution

At its meeting held on May 11, 2021, the Township of Armour passed Resolution #11 approving the request from the Township of Scugog.

A copy of Council's Resolution #11 dated May 11, 2021 is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Danika Hammond".

Danika Hammond
Administrative Assistant
(Enclosed)



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: May 11, 2021

Motion # 11

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Township of Scugog in requesting that the Province make dead end roads safer for students being bused by legislating the following:

- 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;
• 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;
• "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to Student Transportation Services moving a common stop to a main roadway;
• That Student Transportation Services be comprised of solutions like mini-buses, vans, taxis, or public transit, worked into funding formula which does not negatively impact Student Transportation Services funding statistics;
• That Kid "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 a Student Transportation Services factor to receive funding;
• That the Province provide a "Parent Portal" for ongoing busing feedback of their Student Transportation Services, so families and kids can review/provide comments, especially during Ministry Student Transportation Services reviews and revisions to funding; and
• That the Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children are picked up/dropped off.

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod [checked], Brandt, Jerry [checked], MacPhail, Bob [], Ward, Rod [], Whitwell, Wendy []
Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod [checked], Brandt, Jerry [], MacPhail, Bob [], Ward, Rod [], Whitwell, Wendy []

Carried (circled)
Defeated
[Signature]

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

Table with 2 columns: Recorded Vote, For, Opposed. Rows for Blakelock, Rod; Brandt, Jerry; MacPhail, Bob; Ward, Rod; Whitwell, Wendy.



The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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May 19, 2021

Premier Doug Ford
Queen's Park,
Toronto, ON M7A
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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 longtime residential pick ups; percentages of 830,000 Ontario bused students impacted as Student Transportation Services (STS) citing buses shouldn't access private roads, do 3point 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;

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;

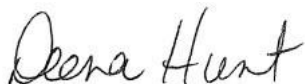
That this Motion be distributed to Premier Doug Ford; Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education; Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation; Durham MPP Lindsey Park; Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott; all Durham MPP's; Durham Region; all Ontario Municipalities; Rural 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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DH:ss

cc. The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Ontario –
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The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation –
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Lindsey Park, MPP, Durham – lindsey.park@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock -
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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Resolution

DATE: May 25, 2021 NO. 2021-137

MOVED BY Christine Shippam

SECONDED BY Sandy Cross

“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 backups; 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 (e.g. 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;

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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 Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin 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; Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP; Honourable Anthony Rota, MP; all Ontario Municipalities; Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA); and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



CARRIED _____

DIVISION VOTE

<u>NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Coun Cross	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Coun Maxwell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Coun Olmstead	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Coun Shippam	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Pennell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>



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May 14th, 2021

Township of Scugog
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Fax: 905-985-9914

Your correspondence dated April 28th, 2021 was received by Casey Township Council at their meeting of May 12th, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2021-075

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby support the Township of Scugog's resolution as follows:

That 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;

That 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;

That "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to Student Transportation Services (STS) moving common stop to main roadway;

That 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;


That 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;

That Province provide "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;

That Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and

That this motion be distributed to the Township of Scugog.
"CARRIED"

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jordan Kemp".

Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Casey

JMK/lp



COUNCIL RESOLUTION



Res: 2021.13. 36

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Moved by: ___Drouillard_____

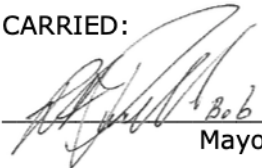
Seconded by: __Corneil_____

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich supports the resolution of the Township of Scugog calling on the Province of Ontario to consider policies to allow 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on municipal roads; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jeff Yurek, MPP, Karen Vecchio, MP and the Township of Scugog.

Recorded Vote	Yeas	Nays
P. Corneil	_x_	___
A. Drouillard	_x_	___
K. Loveland	_x_	___
M. Hentz	_x_	___
B. Purcell – Mayor	_x_	___

CARRIED:



Mayor

DEFEATED:

Mayor

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TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY

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May 12th, 2021

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Your correspondence dated April 28th, 2021 was received by Harley Township Council at their meeting of May 11th, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2021-083

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby support the Township of Scugog's resolution as follows:

That 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;

That 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;

That "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to Student Transportation Services (STS) moving common stop to main roadway;

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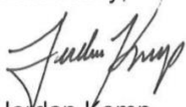
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That Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and

That this motion be distributed to the Township of Scugog.
"CARRIED"

Yours truly,

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Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Harley

JMK/lp



CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

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May 5th, 2021

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Fax: 905-985-9914

Your correspondence dated April 28th, 2021 was received by Kerns Township Council at their meeting of May 4th, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 2021-075

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby support the Township of Scugog's resolution as follows:

That 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;

That 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;

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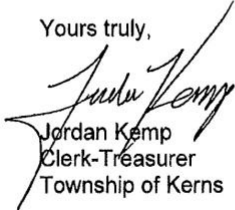
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That this motion be distributed to the Township of Scugog.
"CARRIED"

Yours truly,



Jordan Kemp
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Kerns

JMK/lp



July 15, 2021

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Via email only

Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honorable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Honorable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transport

Re: School Bus Turnarounds

Please be advised that Council of Loyalist Township, at its meeting held on Monday, June 12, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Resolution - #2021.51.19.

“That the correspondence received from Township of Scugog re: School Bus Turnarounds”, be received and supported.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Regards,

Cindy

Cindy Handley
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cc: Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Derek Sloan, MP, Hastings – Lennox and Addington
Daryl Kramp, MPP, Hastings – Lennox and Addington



Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

#2021-130

Moved by Councillor McGill

Seconded by Councillor Cowell

THAT the resolution from the Township of Scugog regarding Bus Stops on Dead End Roads be supported and endorsed by the Council of Southwest Middlesex.

At the last regular Council meeting of the Township of Scugog held April 26, 2021, the above captioned matter was discussed and I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed: 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 being moved from long-time residential to highspeed (some 80km) common stop pickups; percentage 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 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; Whereas Parents report employment/housing at risk. 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 not helped like double amputee who needs stop moved 160ft; parents told it's their "responsibility to get kids to bus safely"; Whereas Parents being told busing policy is schoolboard's, but they say it's STS's, who say it's Governance Committee or Ministry of Transportation, but Ministry of Education say it's "transportation consortia who administer policy"; and trustee, governance say cannot change policies, so parents appealing to police, press, & councils re dangers then; oncoming car killed 12-yr-old Cormac and injured sister while waiting at newly relocated bus stop at the base of a hill; Whereas STS have advised road improvements are responsibility of municipalities, yet municipalities don't own needed land, nor have \$ millions to create 77m bus turnarounds, meanwhile; 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: THAT 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; THAT 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;

THAT "Bus Stop Ahead" warning signage be required to notify oncoming traffic, prior to STS moving common stop to main roadway;
THAT 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;
THAT 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;
THAT Province provide "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;
THAT Province have GPS tracking software to notify parents when children picked up/dropped off, and
THAT this motion be distributed to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham MPP Lindsey Park, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, Durham Region, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Resolution #2021-130

Carried


Deputy Clerk June 1, 2021



DURHAM DEADEND ROAD KIDS:

Will YOU Help Parents give Safer Dead End Road Bus Stops, Keeping Kids Off Highways?

- Durham District School Board (DDSB) says "[DSTS Transportation Policy governs all transportation for the Board.](#)"
- But Durham Student Transportation Service (DSTS) policy says "[A Governance Committee comprised of Trustee and Senior Administration representatives from each Board oversee the activities of the DSTS consortium.](#)"
- Chair of Governance Committee (Scugog Trustee) emailed, "can't change decisions made by DSTS CAO".
- Then DDSB advised they're enacting Ministry of Transportation Policies.
- But when **MTO changed policy to allow buses to back up/do 3 point turns on dead end roads**, DSTS CAO says, these are "guidelines" and "not direction to school boards".
- So parents like Grandfather of 4-Year-Old whose bus stop moved from dead end road to intersection of 80km highway get DSTS letter stating, "[As noted in the DSTS Transportation Policy, the decision of the Governance Committee is final and not subject to further consideration... no further action will be taken on this matter...](#)"
- Scugog Ward 4 Councillor Deborah Kiezebrink & Regional Councillor Wilma Wotten agree, "[It's buck passing... We've been going around in circles.](#)"
- Scugog Mayor Bobbie Drew: "[I'm very disappointed because \(DSTS\) is putting kids in a dangerous situation... the stops they want the kids to go to are not safe](#)".
 - Durham Dead End Road Kids' Website: <https://durhamdeadendroadkids.ca/>
 - Families Tell Story in Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pCVNLsUKk

Ontario Municipalities Endorsing Scugog's Motion: <https://durhamdeadendroadkids.ca/municipal-endorsements>

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| 1. Township of Addington Highlands | 2. Township of Armour |
| 3. Township of Brock | 4. Municipality of Calvin |
| 5. Township of Casey | 6. Municipality of Dutton Dunwich |
| 7. Township of Harley | 8. Township of Kerns |
| 9. Loyalist Township | 10. Municipality of Southwest-Middlesex |
| 11. Uxbridge also advocating on matter. | |

WEBSITE LINKS TO NEWS STORIES:

'Ticking time-bomb': Dead-End road bus policy sparks safety concerns Sept. 8/21

<https://www.therecord.com/local-oshawa/news/2021/09/08/ticking-time-bomb-dead-end-road-bus-policy-sparks-safety-concerns.html>

MTO tweaks unlikely to reverse Scugog route changes: DSTS Aug 5/21

<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/>

No bus stops on Dead-End roads a matter of safety: DSTS. New guidelines from MTO won't change affected stops July 27/21

https://www.thestar.com/local-oshawa/news/2021/07/27/no-bus-stops-on-dead-end-roads-a-matter-of-safety-dsts.html?itm_source=parsely-api
<https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10442560-no-bus-stops-on-dead-end-roads-a-matter-of-safety-dsts/>

Child hit by car at new bus stop bottom of hill still in hospital: "Shea has now spent two hundred twelve days in the hospital...She has overcome many broken bones and is recovering from serious neuro-trauma (brain) injuries." Jul 3/21

https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-kerin-family?fbclid=IwAR0gBO1KqpyjGYh8UG73Sz37m_UOPUo1-cleHb8xzdyYGevMFXdgufYgHmA

"This could easily come back and bite us here in Brock": Brock councillors call for change to school bus transportation policy May 20/21

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/10392322--this-could-easily-come-back-and-bite-us-here-in-brock/>

"This is unacceptable situation": Scugog calls for bus policy change May 13/21

<https://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/local-port-perry/news/2021/05/13/this-is-an-unacceptable-situation-scugog-calls-for-bus-policy-change.html>

Scugog wants help with championing Dead End road kids May 6/21

<https://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/local-port-perry/news/2021/05/13/this-is-an-unacceptable-situation-scugog-calls-for-bus-policy-change.html>

Horrific Collision Kills 12-Year-Old Child – His 10-Year-Old Sister Airlifted to Toronto Hospital (bus stop moved from side street to main road base of hill) Dec 2/20

<https://todaysnorthumberland.ca/2020/12/02/horrific-collision-kills-12-year-old-child-his-10-year-old-sister-airlifted-to-toronto-hospital/>

Twenty years after Adam Ranger’s death, family still fighting dangerous drivers: 5-year-old Adam Ranger was killed by a truck that ignored a school bus’ flashing lights Feb 11/20

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/adam-ranger-reflections-1.5458486>

“The worst nightmare of your life”: 20 years later Ranger’s legacy lives on Feb 11/20

<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/the-worst-nightmare-of-your-life-20-years-later-adam-ranger-s-legacy-lives-on-1.4807473?cache=yes%3FclipId%3D89926>

Canadian School Board (DSTS) Refuses to Move A Bus Stop 160 Feet To Accommodate A Disabled Student Jan 30/20

<https://www.inquisitr.com/5864228/canada-school-bus-stop-disabled-boy/>

School Board (DSTS) Refuses to move bus stop 50 metres to accommodate double amputee student Jan 29/20

<https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/school-board-refuses-to-move-bus-stop-50-metres-to-accommodate-double-amputee-student-1.4789657>

Video: transport blows by stopped school bus on Highway 11 Dec 20/19

<https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/video-transport-blows-by-stopped-school-bus-on-highway-11-1976725>

Parents seek solution to dangerous Lake of Bays school bus stop: Parent tells council his daughter has had “10 opportunities to be killed” in past year getting off bus on Highway 60 (bus stop moved from Dead End road) Dec 19/19

<https://www.muskokaregion.com/news-story/9780804-parents-seek-solution-to-dangerous-lake-of-bays-school-bus-stop/>

Concerned Peterborough County mom happy “dangerous’ bus stop moved (back to Dead End road from highway) May 11, 2019

<https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/news/peterborough-region/2019/12/01/concerned-peterborough-county-mom-happy-dangerous-bus-stop-moved.html>

Tractor trailer driver charged with careless driving following accident involving school bus (At least 25 children were inside bus when hit on highway, 22 Caesarea children still on highway) Sep 19/18

<https://thereview.ca/2018/09/19/all-children-reported-to-be-safe-following-accident-involving-school-bus/>

It’s official: BC bus stop “wins” award for being worst in North America (dangerous bus stop conditions same for Durham children) Sep 14/18

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/vancouver-bus-stop-worst-north-america-2018>

EXCLUSIVE: Durham Region mother pulls daughter out of school to fight “unsafe” bus stop location (moved from Dead End road) Mar 16/18

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4088287/exclusive-durham-region-mother-pulls-daughter-out-of-school-to-fight-unsafe-bus-stop-location/>

Appeal to Durham Transportation in Focus Magazine: Mother Viktoria begs DSTS to pick up kids as bus drives by house instead of 40-minute walk 4 times a day Jan Issue/ 17

<https://durhamdeadendroadkids.ca/dsts-letters-to-parents>

Parents maintain Kawartha Lakes school bus stop is unsafe: Video shot by father shows one vehicle almost not stop for school bus picking up his children on Little Britain Road Jan 19/16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egjgMMgGntk>

Parents make Video to show Trillium Lakelands District School Board new dangerous bus stop on S-Bend Highway where daughter nearly hit by car: police report filed Jan 8/16

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/6238564-parents-maintain-kawartha-lakes-school-bus-stop-is-unsafe/>

Mother wins fight to move school bus stop closer to home: Halton District School Board settles case that landed at Ontario Human Rights Tribunal Oct 19/13

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mother-wins-fight-to-move-school-bus-stop-closer-to-home-1.2127015>

Young (Huntsville) family faces dangerous walk to bus stop (moved from private road) Oct 2/13

<https://www.toronto.com/news-story/4135525-young-family-faces-dangerous-walk-to-bus-stop/>

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