

Nov 25,2010

Att: Melancthon Council

Denise Holmes CAO

Re: Traffic study results on 5th line and 2nd Line N.E

In November of 2009 I had requested that a study of the 2nd Line N.E be done so that council could identify if the 2nd line N.E could possibly be slated for improvements. The study was completed for a brief period and I wish to thank council for that activity. The results identified that on average 106 cars per day traveled the 2nd Line N.E between County Rd 17 and County Rd 21. The average speed ranged fro 80 – 100km /h. During this period I had requested that consideration be put forth to pave the 2nd Line N.E. The result was the base needs considerable improvements \$75,000 and the paving costs were around \$375,000. The next consideration was for chip & seal application. The cost again was in excess of \$225,000. It was also determined that even though the chip & seal should have a life expectancy of 10 years, It has not been proven to hold up in our geographical areas harsh environment.

I had the opportunity to discuss alternate actions with the road superintendent and we came to some satisfactory solutions.

The reason the applications were requested to be considered was due to the dust interfering with the resident's quality of life.

Therefore simple solutions would be:

- 1) Calcium the road twice per season rather than once. Apparently the application can be done and the municipality would remain within budget.
- 2) Since the traffic speed is what generates dust and it lingers in the air, it was proposed that we lower the speed limit to 60 km/h and make the 2nd Line N.E a community safety zone. Signs are readily available and the municipality would remain within budget.
- 3) By lowering the speed, dust will be reduced and also make it enjoyable for the local residents and children to walk or ride the road on bicycles with minimal risk of speeding vehicles.
- 4) Since these can be done and we can stay within budget I would like to request that council approve these ideas and allow the roads superintendent to erect the necessary signage and calcium the road twice within the season.

Your support is appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

In closing I would also like to thank the council for monitoring traffic on the 5th line between Cty Rd 17 and Hwy 10. There was a concern by local residents of trucks using this road. It appears that the trucks are not an issue, but speed is a definite issue. Speeds range from 80 km/h to 110 km/h specifically around the morning school bus pickups. Therefore, No Truck signs are not required, but the speed needs to be monitored by the police. I will let the residents determine if they want a community safety zone implemented. This specific issue is considered closed.

Regards

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Resident 2nd Line N.E

Melancthon Township.

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