



Township of Blandford-Blenheim

47 Wilmot Street South
Drumbo, Ontario N0J 1G0

Phone: (519) 463-5347

Fax: (519) 463-5881

Website: www.blandfordblenheim.ca

February 20th, 2025

To: Ontario Premier,
Ontario Minister of Transportation,
Ontario Minister of Infrastructure,
Ontario Minister of Agriculture,
Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs,
Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response,
Ontario Minister of Health,
Good Roads,
Oxford Police Service Board, &
Safe and Well Oxford.

Re: Road Safety

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 19th, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim carried the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2025-02-19-08

Moved by – Councillor Young

Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

Whereas speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

Whereas municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

Whereas infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

Therefore be it resolved that Blandford Blenheim Township calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted

driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities;

That the Township of Blandford Blenheim specifically requests that 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 number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

And that Blandford Blenheim Township Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long-term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

.Carried

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Thank you,

Sarah Matheson

Sarah Matheson

Clerk

Township of Blandford-Blenheim

smatheson@blandfordblenheim.ca