

Port Robinson West Community - Construction Concerns

Thorold City Hall – Council Chambers
October 28th, 2021

RESIDENTS: Rosina Bisci
Donna Kitchener

STAFF: Geoff Holman, Director of Public Works and Community Services
Terry Dixon, Fire Chief
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Steve Santo, Manager Public Works
Karen Olm – Recording

The purpose of the meeting was to follow-up on the take-aways and action items from the meeting held on October 7th regarding previous, ongoing and potential concerns related to the condition of Port Robinson Road due to construction in the area.

REVIEW OF SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS FROM OCTOBER 7TH MEETING

1) Develop a pre-set (times of day) schedule for cleaning the roads. Additional cleaning may be required dependent on conditions.

- The Developer has agreed to a schedule for cleaning the roads at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. each day (approximate times based on hauling times, availability of equipment and traffic). The residents are asked to be patient with the cleaning times and realize that there will be times before the scheduled cleaning time when the road may be mud covered.

2) Incentive from the Developer for residents to deal with dust, dirt on vehicles.

- The Developer has agreed to provide a number of car wash coupons. Discussion was held at the meeting as to what is the best way for residents to get the coupons. It was decided at the meeting that the resident could go to the Office onsite to request them. NOTE: R. Bisci suggested a different method of distribution after the meeting and this is still being finalized at the time the minutes are published.

3) Share Information on the City of Thorold website (providing regular updates with what is happening in the area).

- The City agrees to provide updates on the City of Thorold website. Any closures or extenuating circumstances will be posted to the City

website and the City Facebook page. R. Bisci will share the post to the PRW Residents Facebook group.

- The City agrees to proactively monitor the PRW Facebook group although posting will be the responsibility of the residents.

4) Traffic Control (with flag men to control road access).

- Flag men are being implemented when large Rock trucks are crossing the road. They are not being used with the dump trucks as they are allowed to be on the road just as any other vehicle is.

5) City to contact the NSTS to get the School bus schedules to attempt to coordinate the heavy construction vehicles around the bus schedule.

- NSTS will not share this information with the City due to privacy concerns regarding the students travelling on the bus

6) Create clear service expectations for all involved; Developer/Builder/City and Residents.

- A schedule for cleaning the roads has been provided. The consultant for the developer and City staff are onsite regularly to monitor conditions. A staging platform has been put in place to keep as much off the road as possible. A cleaning pad has also been put in place to help reduce the amount of mud.
- **When residents are reporting concerns, please continue to report them using the "Report a Concern" on www.thorold.ca website or Call the City service line at 905-227-6613** Include photos and times they are taken. Please note, the after-hours emergency line for City of Thorold is 905-227-3521
- City staff will proactively monitor the Facebook page, and check the concerns reported regularly.

Concerns to Share with the Developer

- 1) Sometimes flushing the road can make conditions worse. Use good judgement as to whether scraping and / or flushing is required
- 2) Flush truck travels down the middle of the road. Reminder to the developer that the road is 2 way, and they need to allow cars to pass.

The group agreed to arrange to get back together again if issues escalate.

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