



**The Town of The Blue Mountains  
Council Meeting**

**Title:** Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors

**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor McKinlay

**Seconded by:** Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;  
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;  
AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;  
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;  
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;  
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and  
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and  
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

**YES: 6**

**NO: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**The motion is Carried**

**YES: 6**

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Porter

**NO: 0**

**CONFLICT: 0**

**ABSENT: 1**

**Deputy Mayor Bordignon**