

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](http://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 based 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;

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 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>	_____
Coun Maxwell	<u>X</u>	_____
Coun Olmstead	<u>X</u>	_____
Coun Shippam	<u>X</u>	_____
Mayor Pennell	<u>X</u>	_____