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Mr. John Potts
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Re: Highway Winter Maintenance

VIA Email - John.w.potts@ontario.ca

At the regular council meeting, March 4th 2019, the Mayor and Council brought forward their concerns together with residents regarding the increase in motor vehicle collisions along the Highway 115 in the Township of Cavan Monaghan. Staff was further directed to meet with ministry officials along with OPP and EMS to discuss these concerns. Staff emailed ministry officials the week of March 22, 2019 to arrange a meeting and received a reply the same day (attached), however, as of April 18, 2019 staff has not received a meeting date. The following is a list of observations and concerns to which Township staff is requesting a formal response from the Ministry which may then be presented to Council:

- the increase in motor vehicle collisions along the highway 115 corridor
- open land space along the Highway 115 corridor are subject to heavy winds and drifting snow
- heavy volume of traffic transforms snow blown onto the highway into ice which has been observed by Township staff and reported to MTO operation staff (contractors) with significant delays in being addressed.
- change in road elevation may be a factor to consider in ice build-up on the highway
- Discussion regarding Cement surface material used along highway and brief history behind its use. As well as any data that has been obtained since the use of the Cement surfaces VS asphalt
- reduction in the level of winter maintenance and prevention measures with respect to lack of snow fence and sanding operations
- drawn-out highway maintenance response times to requests for service
- warning signage for events ie winter, collisions, fog



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I have copied the Detachment Commander of the Peterborough County OPP and the Chief of the Peterborough County-City Paramedics should they have any additional concerns.

Please contact me to arrange a suitable date and time to discuss our concerns.

Sincerely,

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