

TEAM HIGHWAY 11 NORTH

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Dymond Hall
181 Drive-In Theatre Road, New Liskeard
Date/Time: Monday, October 30, 2023 - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Meeting Attendees:

- Kristin Franks – MTO Manager, Regional Services and Relationships
- Jaclyn Lytle – MTO Stakeholder Relations Advisor
- Junaid Asghar – MTO Manager, Highway Operations
- Raymond Hong – MTO Area Manager, Design and Engineering
- Todd Fullerton – MTO Regional Strategic Outreach & Education Coordinator
- Rob Long – MTO Traffic Supervisor
- Wendy Lewis – MTO Regional Manager, Commercial Inspection and Enforcement
- Amy Leung – MTO Manager, System Planning
- Bram Westfall - MTO Team Lead, System Planning
- Haley Roberts – MTO Senior Policy Advisor, System Planning
- Kartik Rudra – MTO Planner, System Planning
- Jeff Lafferiere – Mayor, City of Temiskaming Shores
- Amy Vickery – City Manager, City of Temiskaming Shores
- Doug Bender – Mayor, Township of Black River-Matheson
- Chris Wray – CAO, Township of Black River-Matheson
- Michael Maville – OPP Traffic Inspector
- Lisa Laxton – OPP Acting Traffic Inspector
- Rob Long- MTO Traffic

Meeting Minutes:

1. Welcome (Kristin Franks)

- Kristin Franks welcomed everyone to the TEAM Highway 11 North Working Group meeting.
- Round table introductions of all team members and meeting guest attendees.

2. Action Items from Spring Meeting

Action Item Number	Description	Action By:	Current Status
001-01	Mitch will send agreement for sidewalk Highway 65 East and West to Highway 11 to Herb and Junaid to see if MTO shares responsibility for maintenance	Temiskaming	Complete
002-02	MTO will follow up with Temagami/Dan on boat wash station and floating sidewalks	MTO	Complete
002-09	MTO will send new rest stop designs with group	MTO	Complete
002-10	OPP will give the group highway 11 accidents/fatality stats	OPP	Complete
002-11	Kristin will follow up with Doug and/or municipality on reduced speed from 60km to 50km in Black River Matheson and entrances	MTO	Complete

3. MTO Highway Maintenance Update (Junaid Asghar)

- Junaid Asghar provided a presentation on MTO winter maintenance, including an overview of winter maintenance preparations, bare pavement standards, and specific maintenance activities in the New Liskeard and Cochrane maintenance areas.
- It was noted that the ministry's winter maintenance season is effective October 22 to April 22, with a transition period that extends one month in advance of the season and one month following the end of the season.
- An overview of the new Trans-Canada Bare Pavement Standard was provided, which requires Highways 11 and 17 to be cleared 12 hours following the end of a winter storm.
- An overview of new legislation regarding overtaking of snow plows was

provided.

4. 2+1 Model Update (Raymond Hong)

- Raymond Hong provided an update on the 2+1 Model pilot and next steps in the process.
- Aecom has been selected as the design consultant and start up meetings and progress meetings are already underway for preliminary design.
- A public information centre is planned for early 2024, and notices of study commencement have been issued. A public website will also be launched.

5. Major Capital Construction Update (Raymond Hong)

- Raymond Hong provided an update on capital construction projects and went over status of major capital projects impacting the Highway 11 north corridor.
- All information regarding these projects can be accessed by TEAM members and the general public at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-highway-programs>.

6. Corridor Management Update (Junaid Asghar)

- Junaid Asghar provided a presentation on highway corridor management and the ministry's online Highway Corridor Management System.
- An overview of when MTO is required to be consulted on development plans was provided, as well as clarification regarding when MTO permits are required and what the limits of MTO's permit control area are.
- The ministry strongly encourages early pre-consultation for developments as this creates an opportunity for all parties to establish a clear understanding of the MTO review process specific to the planned development, as well as any documentation required.
- The ministry's Highway Corridor Management website can be accessed by following this link: <https://www.hcms.mto.gov.on.ca/>.
- To determine if subject lands fall within the ministry's permit control area, proponents can consult the link above. There, proponents can view MTO controlled areas using an interactive map to determine if permits are required from the ministry prior to beginning work. Proponents can also submit a request to initiate pre-consultation with the ministry via the link above.

7. OPP Enforcement Update (Michael Maville, Lisa Laxton)

- OPP noted that Michael Maville's role has recently changed, and that Lisa Laxton will be taking on the role of Acting Traffic Inspector with OPP for the area.
- Lisa will be included in future meetings to comment on OPP enforcement matters and considerations.

8. MTO Commercial Enforcement Update (Wendy Lewis)

- Wendy Lewis provided an update on MTO commercial enforcement in the area, and noted that the data collected is showing that additional enforcement here has been successful.
- Enforcement has been pursued through a combined approach of on-road patrols and truck inspection station use.
- A focused team has been deployed in the New Liskeard and surrounding areas for approximately 9-13 weeks. In that time, the team has conducted 1096 inspections and laid 1525 charges, 370 of which were for speeding.
- Wendy Lewis also provided an overview of future enforcement and staffing plans, as well as an update on new technologies that are being used to support effective enforcement such as a mobile enforcement van.

9. Northern Ontario Transportation Planning

- Amy Leung and Bram Westfall provided a presentation on the ministry's regional transportation planning process.
- Amy Leung explained why the ministry engages in long-term transportation planning, and how this process is approached.
- Bram Westfall provided a detailed overview of the current draft plan for Northern Ontario, Connecting the North. This plan is available online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/connecting-north-draft-transportation-plan-northern-ontario>.

10. Roundtable and Open Discussion

- No new items raised in roundtable.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting:

- Spring meeting to be held in New Liskeard in April.

Action Item Summary Table – Fall 2023 Action Items

Action Item Number	Description	Action By:	Current Status
001-01	MTO will send all members copies of presentations provided along with meeting minutes.	MTO	Ongoing
001-02	When ready, MTO will provide all members with information regarding the planned public information centre for the 2+1 model pilot as well as a link to the public project website.	MTO	Ongoing
001-03	MTO to provide an update on cycling infrastructure plans at the next meeting.	MTO	Ongoing
001-04	MTO to provide Latchford with an update on moveable speed trailer placement.	MTO	Ongoing
001-05	MTO to provide all members with a link to the draft Northern Transportation Plan and a contact email for feedback.	MTO	Ongoing
001-06	MTO to inquire at NEOMA about interests relating to TEAM Highway 11 North.	MTO	Ongoing