



COUNCIL ADDENDUM

Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

W & M Edelbrock Centre, Dufferin Room, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville

The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCx9vXkywflJr0LUVkKnYWQ>

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.2. Township of Melancthon

Not Listed on
the agenda

Correspondence from the Township of Melancthon, dated November 3, 2023, regarding the ongoing road work on County Road 21.



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November 3, 2023

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Attention: Scott Burns, P.Eng., C.E.T. Director of Public Works and County Engineer

Dear Scott:

Re: County Road 21

At the November 2, 2023 meeting of Council, concerns and disappointment were expressed in the ongoing delays around the paving and completion of County Road 21 through Melancthon Township.

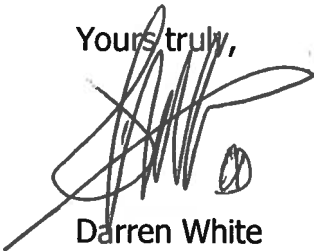
As you are aware, County Road 21 through Melancthon has been an ongoing construction site for almost a decade. The Township has been a good partner allowing road closures and detours and construction vehicles on otherwise no truck roads throughout this time. County Rd 21 has the distinction of being the only piece of dirt road in the County Road network. It has been like this far too long. Additionally, as a dirt road, it can easily be classed as one of the worst maintained pieces of dirt road in the entire County of Dufferin. It is regularly washboard with deep potholes loose gravel and no dust control. It is just generally in a poor state of repair. Melancthon residents and other users deserve a better road.

The County's road construction contractor this season, Cox Construction has spent a large amount of time on County Road 124. Additionally, they have done work in Melancthon on 260 Sideroad, just on the other side of County Road 21, so why this project wasn't completed as scheduled this year is quite frankly beyond comprehension, as they were in the immediate area. With the demobilization of their equipment, it is doubtful this will be completed for another calendar year.

The way road construction operators work, dividing up the Province into sectors for each company to bid on is tantamount to price-fixing. It allows for these operators to set their own terms, conditions and schedules and offers no protections or certainty for the taxpayers.

The people of our County and our Province deserve better and Council expects that this road will be given priority to be completed in 2024.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren White', with a small circular mark to the right of the signature.

Darren White
Mayor