

TOWNSHIP OF

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Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke
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Dear Mr. Denault,

I am writing on behalf of Council of the Township of Horton to express our deepest concern about the escalating safety risks on Highway 17.

On September 30, three individuals tragically lost their lives in two separate collisions in Horton Township. A two-vehicle crash at Storyland Road claimed two lives and forced the closure of Highway 17. The detour traffic overwhelmed our local roads, and a second fatal accident occurred later that exact same day.

These tragedies are not isolated. In less than 2 months, we have seen repeated collisions along Highway 17, including:

- September 30, 2025 – Storyland Road, 2 fatalities
- September 30, 2025 – Horton detour road, 1 fatality
- September 21, 2025 – Storyland Road, injuries reported
- August 21, 2025 – Highway 17 corridor, multi-vehicle collision, hospitalization

Highway 17 runs through Horton Township with four major intersections, Storyland Road/Pinnacle Road, Lochwinnoch Road, Castleford Road/Bruce Street, and O'Brien Road, all of which have seen increases in accidents and fatalities. Each are hotspots for escalating collisions. Each year the accidents and fatalities have only increased. Compounding this further, is that every closure forces unsafe traffic onto Horton Township roads, further endangering more residents.

As elected officials, we carry the responsibility of ensuring a safe environment for the residents we serve. When people choose to make Horton their home, there is an underlying expectation that their community, including the roads they travel daily, will be safe. We cannot allow that expectation to be broken by inaction.

We ask you directly: how many more lives will need to be lost before Highway 17 receives the urgent attention and commitment it so desperately needs?

Best regards,

Daina Proctor, Mayor
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Moved by: Deputy Mayor Webster
Seconded by: Councillor Humphries

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WHEREAS Highway 17 serves as a critical transportation corridor through the Township of Horton, providing a vital link for residents, businesses, commercial transport, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS traffic volumes along this stretch of highway have continued to increase significantly in recent years, resulting in congestion, delays, and growing safety concerns for motorists; and

WHEREAS the expansion and twinning of Highway 17 through the Township of Horton corridor would greatly enhance safety, improve traffic flow, and support economic development opportunities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the Township of Horton recognizes that investment in this transportation infrastructure is essential to meet current and future growth demands and to ensure the continued prosperity and accessibility of our community and the surrounding area; and

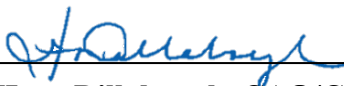
WHEREAS the Township of Horton wishes to ensure that this matter receives appropriate attention and prioritization from the Province of Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Horton hereby respectfully requests that Billy Denault, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke, advocate to the Minister of Transportation and other relevant provincial officials for the expansion and twinning of 17 through the Township of Horton's corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Billy Denault, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke, the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the County of Renfrew and to all neighbouring municipalities along the Highway 17 corridor for their support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) for information and awareness.

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Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk