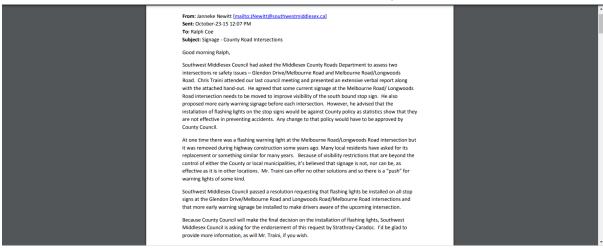As you are aware, the Glendon Dr/Melbourne Rd. intersection has had more than its share of accidents, with many of them resulting in serious injury or death. While the intersection may be up to code, something needs to be done to address the safety concerns the community has. Your vision must change from meeting standards to creating awareness. Most people agree that many, if not most, of these incidents are caused by driver error, rather than intersection design. Vehicles are often either not stopping or not stopping long enough to ensure safe entry into the intersection. It is of the opinion of the over seventeen hundred people that have signed this petition that increased visibility and more visual notices of the intersection will help decrease the number and severity of occurrences.

As seen from this 2015 email, flashing lights have been requested for a long time now. History shows a series of emails from May 2020 to Aug 2020 between those residents local to that intersection, County engineering and Councillor Mayhew addressing the same concerns we are bringing forward today. The deeper rumble strips and larger stop signs installed will help, but we need to do more. The changes we are asking for are relatively inexpensive and easy to implement.

Flashing overhead red and amber lights and a hooded flashing red light on the stop sign as seen at the intersection of Courtright Line and Nauvoo Rd. make the intersection much more visible under any weather condition. Solar power will or may cut down the maintenance costs substantially. Another useful exercise would be to cut some of the trees from the tree line on the north east corner starting at the west end to increase sight lines from the southbound stop sign. Councillor Mayhew has brought this to your attention in the past and

has been an advocate for the addition of flashing lights to increase both awareness and caution.

The pattern of concerns that Councillor Mayhew has brought forward in regards to the Glendon Dr./Melbourne Rd. intersection includes some of the following.
>On Dec. 18, 2019, Councillor Mayhew expressed his concern to county engineering on the intersection of Glendon and Melbourne.
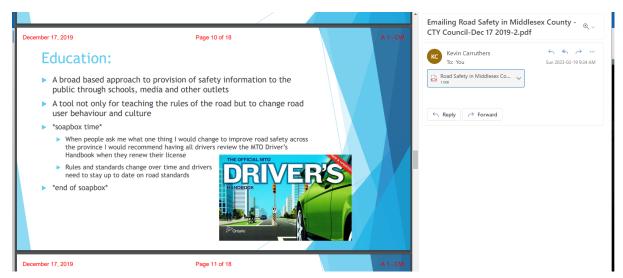>Jan 22, 2020- Councillor Mayhew requested a Pilot Project to examine the benefit of flashing lights for accident prevention at the subject intersection.
>April 24, 2020- Councillor Mayhew requested additional information from county engineering's reference to "imminent improvements". He also asked for a progress report in reference to previous emails.
>May 11, 2021- Councillor Mayhew advised Middlesex County Council that he would be bringing forth a Notice of Motion regarding the safety of the subject intersection.
>May 25, 2021- Councillor Mayhew delivered a request to County Council for a Pilot Project. Following hesitations from Middlesex County Councillors, it was suggested that a report be brought back to council. The motion was morphed to bring a report back to Middlesex County Council. When the report was brought forward at a future meeting, Councillor Mayhew expressed disappointment on its content.
>The above communications do not include Councillor Mayhew's conversions, telephone calls and chats with County engineering in regard to this subject.

Mr Traini's solution in 2019 was focused on education of drivers. I hope that Council can now see that merely getting drivers to review the MTO handbook, isn't an adequate solution. It will take more than driver education to find a solution, gain public trust, and show respect for public opinion. The consequences of accidents at this intersection to the victims, survivors, family and friends, and first responders that will or must live with for the rest of their lives. Quite honestly, anyone that travels through this intersection regularly sees all types of vehicles trying to beat the Glendon traffic and we are all waiting our turn to be involved in a crash. The residents of Southwest Middlesex and Strathroy/Caradoc anxiously await the reasonable solution of flashing lights at this intersection.

I wish to thank both Middlesex County Council and Administration to have my concerns brought forward. I respectfully ask you to proceed with the installation of the lighting that I have previously mentioned.

Regards,
Kevin Carruthers.

Petition for Glendon/Melbourne Intersection Visibility Improvements

For the consideration of the Council of Middlesex County

As we all know, the Glendon Rd/Melbourne Rd. intersection has had too many needless crashes causing avoidable death, injury and damage. Family, friends, survivors, first responders and medical personnel have to live with the memory and can have psychological scars for years.

There are a few simple and relatively inexpensive solutions that the residents of Middlesex would like our Council to consider. The residents would like to see this intersection and surrounding area be designated as a community safety zone to increase fines. We would also want to see a speed reduction for the appropriate distance coming up to the stop signs on Melbourne Rd. Travellers in the area would like to see flashing red and amber lights in the middle of the intersection as seen at the Courtright/Nauvoo intersection (preferred) and/or hooded flashing lights on the stop signs. We have also noticed that the billboards can hide the stop sign travelling south as it can get lost in the colours behind it so we are asking the Council to have it moved further west so as to not appear behind the stop sign and placed parallel to Glendon Dr as close to the field as possible to allow for a longer sightline from the northbound stop sign on Melbourne Rd. We would also ask the Council to approach the OPP and request increased patrols and monitoring in the area advising to charge drivers with as many infractions as the occurrence allows. We would also like to see the weeds along the ditches to be kept cut shorter.

The concerned residents and travellers would like to see changes made as soon as possible, traffic volumes will only get worse causing more avoidable accidents here.