



Staff Report

Report Title: Transportation October 2022

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments: Boiler Beach Road Community Café Presentation, Community Café Summary

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information, Report Number PW-2022-10-68, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project

Construction of a natural gas pipeline in southern Bruce County began in 2019. EPCOR is the owner of the project and Aecon Utilities is the Contractor.

Structure H66 Rehabilitation

The tender for the rehabilitation of structure H66 was awarded to Vandriel Excavating on May 16, 2022. This rigid frame bridge is located on Con. 8 between Lake Range Dr. and Highway 21. The project includes repairs to the concrete soffit, deck edge, wingwalls and deck. New waterproofing will be applied over the bridge deck and new asphalt will be paved. Construction began on July 25th and the bridge will not be passible during this project.

Ripley SW Storm Sewer

The tender for the replacement of the storm sewer in the southwest area of Ripley was awarded to Omega Contracting on July 18, 2022.

Boiler Beach Traffic Study

A study into the feasibility of converting Boiler Beach Road into a one-way road that will provide a multi-use path and adequate parking areas, was awarded to BT Engineering on March 21, 2022. On Aug. 25, 2022, the Township held a Community Café event at Ainsdale Golf Course to find out more about the concerns of ratepayers along Boiler Beach Road.

Discussion:

Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project

The installation of gas mains in the Ripley and Lucknow areas are in progress and services along the Lakeshore continued to be installed.

Structure H66 Rehabilitation

The project has progressed on schedule, but with some delays due to more concrete repairs than anticipated, some material shipment issues and some inclement weather. The bridge is scheduled to open on Sept. 30th after bridge deck waterproofing and paving is complete. This paving of two road cuts on Lake Range Dr., north of Con. 8 will be done at the same time.

Ripely SW Storm Sewer

Part 1 of the project near the Fair Municipal Drain is now complete. Part 2 through the northern property up to Park Street is scheduled to begin in January and completed by March.

Boiler Beach Road Traffic Study

Township staff welcomed forty attendees from the 110 Boiler Beach Road properties that were invited to the Community Café. The evening began with a presentation from Township staff and our consulting engineer, BT Engineering, which is attached to this report. The attendees were then divided up into four groups to discuss four topics that we wanted to hear more about:

1. Concerns for Safety of Pedestrians and Cyclists
2. Existing Traffic
3. Consideration for One-way Traffic
4. Parking and Other Concerns

The rationale for dividing attendees into four groups was to provide as many people as possible to chance to voice their concerns, which we believe was very effective. Each group was assigned a scribe that was either a representative from the Township or BT Engineering and the comments recorded during these sessions are attached to this report. The comments that were heard most often are highlighted in yellow, the comments that were heard a few times are highlighted in green and comments from a single person are not highlighted. It should be noted that the comments have been transcribed as they were heard, so Township staff are not suggesting that all these comments are necessarily factual, but they will be considered when BT Engineering presents their draft report to Township staff later this fall.

Financial Impacts:

The rehabilitation of H66, the Ripley SW Storm Sewer project and the Boiler Beach Traffic Study are included in the 2022 Capital Budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner by investing in infrastructure.

Action Item P5.1 – Natural Gas

Action Item A4.2 – Parking on Boiler Beach Road

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer