



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Transportation February 2023**

**Prepared By: John Yungblut, C.E.T., Director of Public Works**

**Department: Public Works**

**Date: Feb. 6, 2023**

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**Attachments: Gravel Pit Map**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information, Report Number PW-2023-02-10, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

### **Background:**

#### 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. Part 1 of the project which is located on the north side of the Fair Municipal Drain was completed in September 2022, with the intent on beginning Part 2 in January 2023 and completing this project by the end of March.

#### Kinloss Gravel Pit

In 2018, it became apparent that the existing Township gravel pit had been depleted of aggregate that could be processed into road maintenance gravel. Township staff continued to investigate potential sources of gravel to reduce our road maintenance costs.

In 2019, the Township purchased a 50 acre property on Kairshea Ave (see attached map). During the same year, Township staff initiated the process of pursuing a gravel pit licence at the new property and a below water permit at our existing property on Paradise Lake St. (see attached map).

### **Discussion:**

## Ripley SW Storm Sewer

The Contractor delayed starting construction on Part 2 due to the lack of frost in the ground, which would negatively impact the agricultural property. The mobilization of equipment and materials began on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> with the expectation of storm sewer construction on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, weather depending. The Contractor has no concern with the March 31<sup>st</sup> completion date.

## Kinloss Gravel Pit

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has informed Township staff that we can initiate the mandatory 60 day public consultation period for the new property on Kairshea Ave. This includes sending letters to neighbouring landowners, posting information on our website, placing an ad in a newspaper and hosting a public information session. Our consultation period will begin on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and we will receive comments until April 10<sup>th</sup>. A public meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at the Lucknow & District Sports Complex. Supporting documents can be found on our engagement website [haveyousayhk.ca](http://haveyousayhk.ca)

In addition to the public consultation process, we have requested a letter from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture and Sport to support this application. While we don't expect to have this site ready for gravel resurfacing in May, we are expecting to receive our permit at some point this year.

For the existing gravel pit property, our engineer is working on a site plan and a Water Impact Assessment report. We expect to have an amendment application submitted to the MNRF before spring.

## **Financial Impacts**

The Ripley SW Storm Sewer project and the gravel pit applications and amendments are included in the 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.

## **Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

## **Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer