



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Transportation January 2023**

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**Department: Public Works**

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**Attachments: Ripley SW Storm Drawing, Ripley SW Project Map**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information, Report Number PW-2022-01-6, 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.

#### Pickup Trucks

At the Dec. 5, 2022, Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council was given an update regarding the procurement process of a pickup truck that was ordered in May 2021 and had not been delivered. The delay in the delivery of this truck was preventing Public Works from returning our last rental truck.

#### 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 (see attached sewer route drawing). This project is the first phase of a proposed five phase street reconstruction project that will include all streets in the SW watershed of Ripley (see attached project map). The scope of work will include a new watermain, storm

sewers, curb and gutter and sidewalks. The fifth phase will be the topcoat paving of all the streets in this area.

**Discussion:**

Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project

The installation of gas mains is now complete in Ripley and Lucknow. EPCOR has notified residents that will not have gas service installed this year. They expect to complete the remaining services in 2023:

- Lucknow – 346 services
- Ripley 142 services
- Point Clark – 33 services
- Lurgan Beach – 8 services

Some services are to be installed before March, however, most are expected to be installed starting in April.

Most of the restoration work is complete, however, some work is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

Pickup Trucks

The 2022 Silverado 1500 was delivered on Dec. 21, 2022 and the last rental pickup truck in our fleet was returned on Jan. 6, 2023.

Ripley SW Storm Sewer

The Contractor is currently waiting for some frost in the ground before they begin construction on Part 2. This will reduce the impact the construction activities will have on the cultivated field and the amount of debris that will be tracked on to Park St. which is the only access point for this part of the project. Phase 2 of this project (Park St.) is currently scheduled for 2024, contingent on budget approval.

**Financial Impacts:**

The Ripley SW Storm Sewer project and the purchase of pickup trucks 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.

Action Item P5.1 – Natural Gas

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer