



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Municipal Road Allowance Tree Restitution**

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

**Department: Public Works**

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**Attachments: SVCA Estimate, Sideroad 5 Map**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information, Report Number PW-2023-03-15, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;

AND FUTHER directs staff to proceed with the planting of one thousand (1,000) trees on the unopened Sideroad 5 road allowance;

AND recover the costs from the owner of Con. 1 S Pt Lots 8-10, Huron Township.

### **Background:**

During the Nov. 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, Township staff provided an update on the status of the restitution of trees that were removed from an unopened road allowance, known as Sideroad 5, between Bruce Road 86 and Concession 2 in the former Huron Township (see attached map). Municipal trees in the 1.2 hectare (3 acres) area was removed without the consent of the Township.

The report outlined a plan to co-ordinate a project with the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network (PRWIN) in the planting of 2,050 tree seedlings at an estimated cost of \$11,275 plus HST. During the meeting, Council requested that staff request a reduced quote for planting approximately 1,000 trees.

### **Discussion:**

Township staff were recently informed by PRWIN that they do not have the capacity to facilitate this project and directed us to work directly with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA).

Township staff have received a quote from the SVCA for planting 1,000 seedlings at a total cost of \$4,079.30, however, they indicated that if the Township received funding through the Forests Ontario 50 Million Tree Program, the total cost that would be recovered from the landowner will be \$2,329.30. Staff have submitted an application and we were informed that we will be notified by March 9, 2023 if our application was successful.

Township staff have communicated this information to the landowner, but we have not received a response at this time.

**Financial Impacts:**

Tree planting costs in the unopened road allowance will be the responsibility of the landowner.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer