



Staff Report

Report Title: Transportation January 2024

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

Department: Public Works

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Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information, Report PW-2024-01-2, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

Tanglewood/Ridgewood Reconstruction (Point Clark)

The reconstruction of Tanglewood Dr., Ridgewood Rd and Jardine Pl and the construction of the Menomini-Sunset Pl walking path was awarded to Omega Contractors Inc. on April 17, 2023.

The road reconstruction portion of the project was completed in early November, except for topcoat paving, which is to be completed in 2024.

Asphalt paving of the walking path was completed in mid December.

Ripley Southwest Streets Reconstruction

A public open house for the street reconstruction phases of this project was held at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre on Dec. 6, 2023. Residents within the project area were invited to view the preliminary construction drawings and provide feedback to Township staff and our consulting engineer, BM Ross and Associates.

We had a reasonably good turnout and generally positive feedback about the project. The main item of concern is the proposed removal of several mature trees to accommodate a new sidewalk on each street.

Public Works Personnel

Township staff have been informed that the Huron Landfill Attendant, Patricia Filder, has resigned from her position. Her last day will be Jan. 27, 2024.

Discussion:

Tanglewood/Ridgewood Reconstruction (Point Clark)

This project was completed within the tendered amount and reasonably close to the planned schedule.

Ripley Southwest Streets Reconstruction

Township staff have made revisions to the design of the streets most affected by this project, such as McGill St. and Gladstone St. to reduce the number of tree removals as much as possible. We are also looking at adjusting the sidewalk alignment on Tain St. to avoid removing trees based on comments we received at the Open House.

While we will be able to protect many trees from damage, there is no way of avoiding this entirely since we have made accessibility a priority in this project with the addition of concrete sidewalks on one side of the street.

We are also planning to plant new trees wherever possible at the conclusion of this project in a location that won't damage the new roads and sidewalks. This will likely result in the majority of the new trees being planted on private property, so Township staff will be discussing planting location options with property owners as this project progresses.

Public Works Personnel

We regretfully accept Patricia's resignation, and we will begin the recruitment process immediately.

Financial Impacts

Tanglewood/Ridgewood Reconstruction was included in the 2023 Capital Budget. Future Ripley SW projects will proceed when approved in the appropriate 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