



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Transportation March 2024**

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

**Department: Public Works**

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**Attachments: Grant Funding Letter**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information, Report PW-2024-03-09, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

### **Background:**

#### Spring Road Tour

The Public Works Department has traditionally hosted an annual road tour in the spring to provide members of Council with an opportunity to review previous and upcoming projects in various locations throughout the Township.

#### Equipment Deliveries

A new International tandem plow truck that was ordered in May 2022 and new Scarab Maven 65 street sweeper that was ordered in September 2023 are expected to be delivered in mid-March.

#### Public Works Shed Standby Generators

In November, 2023, Township staff submitted an application for the purchase of new standby generators at the Ripley and Holyrood Public Works sheds through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG). The maximum eligible funding was \$50,000.

On Feb. 27, 2024, Township staff received the attached letter informing us that our application was not selected.

**Discussion:**Spring Road Tour

Members of Council are invited to participate in the 2024 Spring Road Tour. Township staff are seeking a suitable date and timeframe from Council. The last spring tour was held on Friday March 31, 2023 from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Equipment Deliveries

The arrival of the new tandem truck will allow us to declare one of our older trucks as surplus. Township staff are expecting the new street sweeper to arrive in time for spring street sweeping operations, so we should not have to rent a machine again.

Public Works Shed Standby Generators

Even though we were not successful for the government grant, Township staff feel this is still a worthwhile project. As discussed during the 2024 Budget Meeting, Township will review this project and explore other funding options.

**Financial Impacts:**

The Spring Road Tour is included in the Operating Budget. The proposed 2024 Capital Budget has allocated the following:

- \$435,000 for the purchase of the street sweeper (funded through the NWMO Near Term Investment fund)
- \$365,000 for the purchase of a new tandem truck

The standby generator project that was presented to Council at the 2024 Budget Meeting, was contingent on grant funding, so Township staff are going to review the project and present a revised plan to fund it.

**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

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer