



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Vozka Dr. Asphalt Paving Petition**

**Date: Nov. 4, 2024**

**Report Number: PW-2024-11-44**

**Department: Public Works**

**File Number: C11 PW 24**

**Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works**

**Attachments: Vozka Dr. Map**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2024-11-44 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works,

AND FURTHER directs Township staff to investigate the possibility of upgrading Vozka Dr. and Oak St. to a paved surface.

#### **Background:**

On Oct. 28, 2024, Township staff was presented with a petition signed many of the property owners between 56 and 98 Vozka Dr. and Oak St. (see attached map) that requested the upgrading of Vozka Dr. and Oak St. to a paved surface. The petition also included a request to keep both ends of Vozka Dr. a dead end.

This section of Vozka Dr. and Oak St. has 26 residential properties that are not owned by the Township. The petition included 22 signatures representing 17 of the 26 properties.

#### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

Similar to other narrow gravel roads along the Lakeshore, Vozka Dr. and Oak St. are challenging to maintain for year round use. These roads were only designed for seasonal use and they generally become soft in the spring and icy in the winter. The more sand and salt we use to treat the ice in the winter, the softer the road becomes when the weather warms. The addition of a dense tree canopy over the road lengthens the period that the road surface is wet, so grading has to be delayed until the road has an opportunity to dry out. This results in pot holes remaining in the road longer than we would like.

The reason the petition does not continue to the south end of Vozka Dr. (located at 40 Vozka Dr.) is that the road allowance deviates off the travelled road at 54 Vozka Dr. Based on the research we have on file, it appears that the road between 54 and 40 Vozka Dr. is in a 6m right-of-way, so upgrading this section would be very difficult. At this time, Staff agree with not including this section in road improvement plans.

In principle, Township staff are in favour with upgrading Vozka Dr. and Oak St. to a paved surface because it will reduce our operational costs since maintaining these roads are more time consuming due to their narrow road width and no through access. For this to be done properly, however, we need to look at upgrading the drainage system in this area since a paved road will generate more storm run off than a gravel road. We are aware of an outlet to the lake through the beach access at 70 Vozka Dr., but it unlikely to have enough capacity to provide drainage for Vozka Dr. and the existing drainage system on Green Brae Cres.

If an upgrade of the storm outlet is necessary, then it would be a good opportunity to look at the entire drainage area since Green Brae Cres. will probably be upgraded to an urban or semi-urban standard at some point in the future.

Although the support for this improvement is not overwhelming, Staff believe there is enough support for us to investigate what is required to upgrade Vozka Dr. and include it in our capital plans. We will be engaging with residents through this process, which will assist us in determining how many residents are strongly opposed to the project and what their concerns are.

**Financial Impacts:**

Township staff will include engineering costs for defining the scope of work required to upgrade Vozka Dr. in 2025 budget deliberations.

**Performance Measurement:**

N/A

**Strategic Area:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability                    |

**Strategic Goal: Encourage citizen first delivery**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer