



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Transportation April 2025

Date: Apr. 7, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-21

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW 25

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-21 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

2025 Spring Road Tour

After discussing several dates for the annual spring road tour that will work for the majority of members of Council, Township staff determined that April 24th is the preferred date for this year's tour.

When staff attempted to schedule a bus to use for the tour, we discovered that Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART) is unable to provide a bus for that date. The earliest they can provide a bus is Tuesday, May 6th and then next earliest date is Saturday, May 10th. The cost for the accessible 30 passenger bus is estimated to be \$600 for the day.

Township staff have contacted another transportation provider, Wave Transportation, which is available for an April 24th tour. The estimated cost for accessible 15 passenger limo van is \$1,310 plus gratuity. It should be noted that this company provided this van for the 2023 road tour and there were some issues with the wheelchair lift operation.

2009 International Single Axle Repairs

On Jan. 17, 2025, our single axle plow truck was found to have a loss in power and was brought to a licenced mechanic for investigation. Initially, it appeared that one of the injectors failed, however, upon further investigation, they discovered that three cylinders were found to have failed a compression test. The cause of this issue was the lifters had failed allowing the camshafts to rotate and experience significant deterioration. This resulted in metal fragments being distributed throughout the engine, which necessitated an engine rebuild along with other part replacements such as a transmission cooler and fuel pump. The total cost for the truck repair was \$38,964 plus HST it was returned to service on Feb. 21st.

Wheeler St. Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Wheeler St. from Stauffer St. to Havelock St. was awarded to Lavis Contracting in 2024. The work was substantially completed in Dec. 2024, however, some outstanding work will need to be completed this spring, such as sod placement, sidewalk and curb repairs, driveway alterations and topcoat paving.

Township staff have been informed that the contractor is planning to start working on the outstanding work, except for topcoat paving, during the week of April 14th.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

2025 Spring Road Tour

Based on the information Township staff have collected, we suggest that Council consider three options for the spring road tour:

Option 1: schedule the SMART bus for May 6th or later for \$600.

Option 2: schedule the Wave van for April 24th for \$1,310 plus gratuity

Option 3: cancel the 2025 Spring Road Tour

Township staff are seeking the preferred option from members of Council.

2009 International Single Axle Repairs

During this process, we discovered that this is a common issue in this type of engine and International has since redesigned the engine to reduce the chances of this problem happening. Fortunately, the rebuilt engine has been built to the same specification as the newer engines.

It is unfortunate that this investment had to be made into one of our older trucks, but we needed it back in operation as soon as possible to continue providing our level of service. During the initial investigation, we were expecting the repair cost would be less than \$15,000, however, in order to ensure that the metal fragments wouldn't cause issues in the future many parts needed to be replaced.

Financial Impacts:

Spring Road Tour expenses are included in the operating budget. Truck repairs are funded from our equipment reserve.

Performance Measurement:

None at this time.

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" 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: Manage assets and infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer