



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Transportation July 2025

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Report Number: PW-2025-31

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW 25

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments: Lucknow Paving Map, Victoria Rd Storm Sewer Drawing

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-31 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works,

AND FURTHER approves the proposed amendments to the Township Vehicle Use Policy;

AND FURTHER approves an amending by-law be brought forward.

Background:

Queen and Huron Sidewalk Replacement

A tender for the replacement of existing sidewalks in Ripley on the south side of Queen St. from Melville Lane to William St. S. and the east side of Huron St. from the Ripley Fire Hall to 32 Huron St. was awarded to Amazing Construction Ltd. in March 2025.

Work at the south end of Huron St. began on June 17th, with the first section of sidewalk poured on June 24th and the last section of Huron St. is to be poured by July 4th.

Work on Queen St. began on July 1st.

Wheeler Street Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Wheeler St. from Stauffer St. to Havelock St. in Lucknow was completed in 2024, however, some restoration work was carried over into 2025. Hydroseeding has been completed, although the contractor will have to remove the weeds that established before seeding was completed.

Top coat paving is taking place on or about July 4th.

Gough Street Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Gough St. from Stauffer St. to Havelock St., the rehabilitation of Structure L2 (Gough St. Bridge) and the replacement of sidewalks on Inglis St. from Gough St. to Campbell St. was awarded to Omega Contractors in April 2025.

Concrete repairs on the bridge began during the week of June 9th. Bridge deck waterproofing and paving will be completed during the reconstruction of Gough St. The road work is scheduled to begin in August with completion in late October.

Asphalt Paving

The paving of several road sections with hot mix asphalt was awarded the Lavis Contracting in April 2025. These areas include: Kinloss-Culross Townline, Wolfe St. and several streets in Point Clark.

Wolfe St. was paved on May 23rd and Kinloss-Culross is scheduled to begin on May 29th. Lurgan Lane and both layers on Lake Range Dr., west of Con. 4, was paved during the week of June 9th. Shouldering and lawn restoration work will follow over the next month.

Lake Range Micro Surfacing

The application of a double layer of micro-surface asphalt treatment on Lake Range Dr. from Con. 4 to Saratoga Road was awarded to Duncor Enterprises in April 2025.

The work began on June 4th and was completed during the week of June 9th.

Victoria Road Trunk Storm Sewer Grant Application

The Point Clark Drainage Master Plan identified the area of Victoria Road and Birch Cres. in the vicinity of Sunrise Ave as lacking adequate drainage infrastructure. This area is referred to as the South Problem Area in the Master Plan.

In January, the Province announced the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program Health and Safety Water Stream (MHIP-HSWS) was accepting applications. Township staff reviewed our upcoming capital projects and determined that the Victoria Road Trunk Storm Sewer was the best fit for this funding opportunity. Due to the significant cost of the project, it appears to be unlikely this project will be completed without a significant contribution from other funding sources beyond taxation. The initial cost estimate for the new storm sewer was \$3.1 million.

This grant program provides up to 73% provincial funding up to a maximum of \$30 million for projects that help municipalities and First Nations build, rehabilitate and expand aging water, wastewater, stormwater, flood and erosion infrastructure. Project must begin before June 30, 2026 and completed by March 31, 2029. This includes all design and construction work.

The project we are submitting for funding is slightly larger than the first phase we originally anticipated which was limited to Victoria Road. This project will include a storm sewer on Birch Cres. in addition to Victoria Road (see attached drawing) with a higher cost estimate of \$6.46 million.

Township staff, along with our consulting engineer, B.M. Ross and Associates, submitted our application on the June 26th deadline.

Township Vehicle Use Policy Amendment

The current Township Vehicle Use policy limits the ability of municipal staff to take a Township vehicle home to the Director of Public Works, the Public Works Lead Hand and the Winter Patroller.

Township staff recommend expanding this policy to allow for the Manager of Environmental Services to take a vehicle home.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Queen and Huron Sidewalk Replacement

Work is progressing well, and we are still expecting that the project will be completed by the July 18th completion date.

Asphalt Paving

At this point it appears that paving work on Spruce Cres., Cedar Close, Ash St., Winnebago Rd. and Tyendinaga will be completed this year and paving of Petum Court, Tuscarora Rd and Onandaga Pl will be deferred to another year.

Township staff have also been informed by the Lucknow Recreation Department that they have an agreement with the Lucknow Agricultural Society to pave the existing gravel parking lot to the south of the Lucknow & District Sports Complex. Township staff are planning to extend the paving further south to include Willoughby St. and the entrance to the Lucknow Community Centre parking lot (see attached map).

It is unclear when the paving in Lucknow will occur, but it will not be able to conflict with the Lucknow Fall Fair in September.

Victoria Road Trunk Storm Sewer Grant Application

The combination of the safety risk of a significant area of Point Clark vulnerable to flooding and the health risk of flooded septic systems resulted in this project being the preferred candidate for this funding opportunity.

The reason for the significantly higher cost estimate is that we decided to allow for the removal and replacement of all existing utilities at certain locations where the storm sewer corridor is restricted. This includes watermains, gas mains, telecommunications and hydro.

Due to the length construction window provided, construction could begin as late as 2028.

Township Vehicle Use Policy Amendment

The Manager of Environmental Services has similar responsibilities to other positions that are permitted to take a Township vehicle to their home at the end of their shift, in that they are required to attend after hours emergencies.

Having a properly equipped vehicle available to allow them to respond to emergencies directly from their home could significantly reduce their response time.

Financial Impacts:

Asphalt paving, Micro surfacing, the reconstruction of Gough St. and the Ripley sidewalk project are included in the 2025 Capital Budget.

If the Victoria Road Truck Storm Sewer grant application is successful, the Township will need to contribute \$1.74 million of the estimated \$6.46 million cost.

Performance Measurement:

Micro surfacing and hot mix paving will result in an increase to the Pavement Condition Index.

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