



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

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**Department: Public Works**

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

**Attachments: Gough St. Construction Photo**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-51 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

#### **Background:**

##### 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 9<sup>th</sup> and were completed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bridge deck waterproofing and paving will be completed during the reconstruction of Gough St.

Road work began on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> and the installation of watermain and water services, including directionally drilling under the Ackert Drain was completed on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Watermain testing and commissioning was completed on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Road excavation in preparation for concrete curbs and sidewalks began on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and was completed on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Concrete curbs could be installed during the week of Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, weather depending. The Township has granted an extension to the specified Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> completion date to Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, which should allow final restoration work to be completed.

##### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Kinloss-Culross was paved from June 3-4. Lurgan Lane and both layers on Lake Range Dr., west of Con. 4, was paved during the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Road base rehabilitation work on Tyendinaga Rd and Winnebago Rd in Point Clark began on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and was completed on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. This included removing wood debris and organic soil from the road base and hauling in gravel. Asphalt paving was expected to be completed during the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> along with the paving of Spruce Cres., Cedar Close and Ash St., but this was delayed for several reasons, including weather.

Fine grading began on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> with paving expected to be completed by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Boiler Beach Rd Storm Outlets and Con. 12 Paving

The tender for the replacement of several failed storm outlets along Boiler Beach Rd and the paving of Con. 12 between Boiler Beach Rd and Jeater St. was awarded to Lavis Contracting on Aug. 8, 2025.

Road work began on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> between Heritage Dr. and Kennedy Rd and is progressing well. The last road crossing is expected to be completed during the week of Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and asphalt paving on Con. 12 is expected to be completed during the week of Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Point Clark Drainage Master Plan

A Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the creation of a stormwater servicing master plan for the northern Point Clark area was initiated in 2022 with the assistance of our consulting engineer, B.M. Ross and Associates. The purpose of the plan is to allow the Township to construct a drainage system on Township roads between Clark Creek and the Pine River that either don't have a drainage system or the existing system lacks the necessary capacity to accommodate storm events.

After reviewing various drainage concerns provided by Township staff and the public, two problem areas were identified: the North Problem Area, which is in the St. Arnaud and Lake Range Dr. area and the South Problem Area, which is in the Victoria Rd and Birch Cres. area.

On Dec. 2, 2024, Council supported design solutions for both problem areas which was to be included in the final report. At that time, the draft final report was expected to be submitted in Feb. 2025 for Township approval. Since then, Township staff have been reviewing another design concept for the North Problem Area that could potentially reduce the amount of drainage works that would need to be constructed on private property. This new concept would involve diverting the overland flows on Arthur St. towards the north along Lake Range Dr., which would result in a shorter flow path to Pine River and less drainage works constructed on private property.

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

### Gough Street Reconstruction

Work is progressing well despite some weather challenges as the week of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> brought a significant amount of rain. While the contractor won't be able to meet the Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> completion date, we are confident that the majority of the work will be completed by the end of November if we have reasonable weather conditions.

We did encounter an issue with the condition of the soil under the road on the east side of the bridge. The contractor was finding that the higher silt content in the native soil did not hold up well when it was driven over with compaction equipment. After discussion options to prevent issues with the finished road surface in the future, Township staff agreed to proceed with the installation of a geogrid material that is designed to stabilize less than optimal soils (see attached photo). This is a different product that we have used to stabilize sections of South Kinloss Ave as the soil type is different in this case, but we expect that will have a similar effect.

There will be an additional cost to using this product since it wasn't included in the contract, but our contingency allowance can cover this expense without any concerns with depleting it.

### Point Clark Drainage Master Plan

Township staff along with our engineer, are the process of creating a new design concept for the North Problem Area based on a site meeting with the primary affected landowner. At this point there appears to be potential path forward for the construction of a drainage project that would be mutually beneficial to the affected landowner and the Township, which was one of our objectives of this project. At this point, it appears that the only downside to the new design concept is that we are expecting the construction will cost more than the original design.

## **Financial Impacts:**

Asphalt paving, the reconstruction of Gough St., the Point Clark Drainage Master Plan and the Boiler Beach Rd project are included in the 2025 Capital Budget.

## **Performance Measurement:**

Hot mix paving will result in an increase to the Pavement Condition Index.

## **Strategic Area:**

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| <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