



Staff Report

Report Title: Transportation May 2021

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments: Bruce County MTP Notice

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information, Report Number PW-2021-05-37, as prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

Bruce County Master Transportation Plan

The County of Bruce is undertaking a Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Study that intended to solve some of the transportation barriers and enhance active transportation.

Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project

Construction of a natural gas pipeline in southern Bruce County began in 2019. EPCOR is the owner of the project and Aecon Utilities is the contractor.

Kairshea Ave Drainage

On April 7, 2021, Township Council authorized the installation of drainage tile along both sides of Kairshea Ave from Langside St. to Wolfe St. The purpose of this work is to improve road base drainage which will extend the life of the proposed asphalt surface.

Fleet Rentals

During this past winter, the Township staff were forced to retire two one ton trucks from service. The 2021 Capital Budget includes the purchase of a one ton and three pickup trucks.

Discussion:

Bruce County Master Transportation Plan

The attach notice is an opportunity for the public to provide input that could be used address the various transportation challenges within the county.

Southern Bruce Natural Gas Project

Township staff have been informed that 2021 construction will begin in mid-May. Aecon has indicated that they will have at least three crews operating in the Municipality of Kincardine and the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

Kairshea Ave Drainage

The tile drainage was originally scheduled for late May, however the Contractor had an opening in their schedule, so the work began on April 29th and was expected to be completed on April 30th.

Fleet Rentals

Township staff discussed the shortage of trucks and the high probability that the new trucks would not arrive until at least late summer. When factoring in the arrival of summer students and the need to reduce the sharing of vehicles during the pandemic, it was decided that renting a one ton and two half ton trucks for the summer is the preferred solution.

Financial Impacts:

The Kairshea Ave drainage project is estimated to be \$12,740 plus HST and is included in the \$900,000 asphalt paving budget.

The one ton rental rate is \$1,450 plus HST per month and the half ton rate is \$1,025 plus HST per month. The agreed term is four months.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by enhancing our mobility.

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer