



Staff Report

Report Title: Boiler Beach Road Reconstruction

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments: Wadge Letter, Wadge Response

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW-2021-07-59, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND grants pre-budget approval for the issuance of a Request for Proposal for the purposes of retaining traffic consulting services related to the Boiler Beach Reconstruction project.

Background:

Township staff has been working with our consulting engineers, B.M. Ross and Associates to create a plan for the reconstruction of Boiler Beach Road that will provide adequate parking facilities and enhanced pedestrian safety.

The attached letter was received from a ratepayer on Boiler Beach Road regarding this project.

Discussion:

During the discussion regarding the possibility of converting Boiler Beach Road into a one-way roadway with our consulting engineers, it was recommended that we consider hiring a traffic consultant to collect the data required to determine if a one-way road conversion is feasible or not. The data collected would include additional traffic counts in areas that have not been recorded recently, turning movements and the number of cars parked at any given time.

Once a report is received from the traffic consult, Council will have the opportunity to decide if the one-way conversion is worth pursuing. If it is deemed to be feasible,

a Class Environmental Assessment would then be required. This would be an opportunity to receive input from all stakeholders affected.

If a one-way conversion is deemed to be not feasible, then other options would be investigated such as widening the existing road allowance where necessary or maintaining the existing road allowance by making some compromises such as reduced parking on Boiler Beach Road and portions of a multi-use path that is not separated from the driving lanes.

Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, Township staff would prefer to start collecting traffic data in 2022 instead of 2021. It is possible that recorded traffic data in 2021 will not be consistent with traffic data collected in non-pandemic timeframes.

With respect to the letter attached to this report, Township staff have drafted a response letter if it is deemed acceptable to Council.

Financial Impacts:

The 2021 Capital Budget allocated \$30,000 for the Boiler Beach Reconstruction project. The cost to investigate the feasibility of a one-way road conversion is expected to be approximately \$40,000. The actual cost included in the preferred proposal can then be allocated to the 2022 Capital Budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

This project assists staff in achieving A4.2, Parking on Boiler Beach Road, as identified in the Strategic Plan Action Plan.

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer