



REPORT TO COUNCIL 2024-039

TO: Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

FROM: Kevin Watson CRS-I, Roads Superintendent

DATE: May 1, 2024

SUBJECT: Roads Update

Recommendation

That Council accept Report to Council 2024-039 as information and provide any direction accordingly.

Update

The Roads staff have spent many hours this spring grading the road network between rain events. It has been frustrating to have roads graded only to have to go back out after heavy rains and repair them again and again. Staff were diligent in responding to complaints of poor segments and to date are confident that the network is in good shape.

Roadside retrieving began the week of April 15 on roads that will receive maintenance gravel, unfortunately some rain events stopped the progress for a short time. Staff have been able to cover a lot of the network and have been on many segments multiple times and are quite pleased with the results. Multiple passes are required to integrate retrieved material and, in most cases, to move further out to complete the retrieval and create slope required for positive drainage. The initial identified routes have been treated and staff will move into other areas of concern to make improvements.

With the large amount of rain to date roads staff have noticed higher levels of water in the swamps and low-lying areas. None was more evident than the northwest corner of 5 Sideroad and County Road 11. High water levels were noticed that were encroaching on the travelled portion of the west bound lane and after investigating the drainage in the area no culverts could be found. Staff deployed Township water pumps as well as renting 2 more and set them up to pump water over the trailway into the adjoining ditch. The levels were lowered, and the road was made safe. Staff will contact Dufferin County supervisors to meet with and devise a plan to drain this area into the Municipal system.

On April 12th, Roads staff attended a training session at the OPP Primrose Detachment for the Black Cat traffic information gathering device. Staff learned how to properly deploy the unit and

export the data collected. This will be a great tool for the Township as it can also track traffic counts and differentiate the vehicles as to whether they are cars/light duty trucks or commercial vehicles. The unit has not been deployed yet but will be when complaints of speeders or a directive from Council comes forth.

Council directed Roads staff to purchase a water tank to add a 3rd unit to its fleet. A quote obtained in November of 2023 from Husky Farm Equipment in Alma was still honored and staff should expect delivery prior to fall grade.

Roads staff have been securing quotes for a tractor, roadside mower/brusher and retriever. To date quotes are still coming in and will be compiled in a Report to Council for a later date.

Members of Amaranths' Road staff along with the CAO/Clerk and a member of Council travelled to the Good Roads Conference in Toronto where they attended an excellent trade show along with industry related seminars and speakers. Many new contacts were cultivated along with old acquaintances being renewed.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Expand our capacity to serve
Goal #2 Identify and prioritize areas for service improvement

Respectfully submitted,
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Approved by:
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