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March 8, 2017

Dear Sir:

Your Letter February 21, 2017 titled "Minto Circus"

Please be advised your letter was considered by Council at its March 7, 2017 meeting. Council directed that I respond to you in writing.

The Town awards its work fairly, according to its purchasing bylaw, and advertises tenders widely including on its website. The Town prefers working with local contractors, but bids are reviewed based on many criteria like meeting WSIB rules, reliability, references, price, responsiveness, and quality of work to name a few.

The 2017 budget includes one replacement pick-up truck in Public Works. The Town is not adding to its fleet, but is replacing an existing vehicle more than 7 years old as set in the Town's vehicle/equipment replacement plan. The surplus pick-up will be sold.

The 2017 budget also calls for replacing the JCB Backhoe. This backhoe is more than 8 years old which is the recommended replacement period set in the Town's vehicle/equipment replacement plan. The surplus backhoe will be sold.

The Town applies a mix of sand and salt to its roads to meet minimum maintenance standards set by the Province and to minimize impact on the environment. Regarding your accusation about Clarke Street, the Town conducts snow removal according to its snow removal policy to meet the minimum maintenance standard. The Town does not participate in, or tolerate, preferential treatment as per its code of conduct.

You are encouraged to read budget and tender information, snow removal policies, snow removal practices and the Town's code of conduct on our website www.town.minto.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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