



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: August 24, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Bill White C.A.O. Clerk

SUBJECT: Public Works Update Asphalt Work, Pedestrian Crossings

STRATEGIC PLAN:

11.0 Maintain and enhance infrastructure to protect public health and safety, prevent property damage, maintain high quality of life, and effectively manage financial resources to ensure Minto is an attractive and viable community for family living and business investment.

BACKGROUND:

The 2017 Public Works capital budget includes over \$4.5 million of work or about 80% of the total annual capital budget for the Town. Previous reports on pedestrian crossings, cemeteries, sidewalk contract, asphalt work and Clifford sewage system provided some information to Council on this years' capital work. This report provides a further update on the status of major projects including asphalt work and pedestrian crossings.

Asphalt Paving

May 16 Council awarded \$398,730 in asphalt work to the Murray Group. This included paving over 3km of the 16th Line, several blocks in Minto urban areas, and paving parts of the Clifford Arena and Community Centre parking lots. This also encompassed final asphalt on the James Street Palmerston project where most of the work was done last year, and paving Norman Street in the area of the new County Housing project. Excessive rain this spring and summer delayed the Murray Group with their work in the region. The sand pad work on the 16th Line began the last week of August. The rest of their Minto work will be finished in September.

Sidewalks

May 16 Reeves Construction was awarded \$96,000 in sidewalk work funded from capital and operational funds, including new sidewalks and repairs in all three urban areas. Work on William Street Harriston was added to the contract at Council's request to link the soon to be relocated pedestrian crossover at Elora Street to the walkway to Minto Clifford School at George Street. Most of the sidewalk work is done, but there is a section of Prospect Street out near Clair Ridge Estates subdivision that was finished as there were homes under construction. Curb and sidewalk for the street will be budgeted for 2018.

Pedestrian Crossings

At the July 4 meeting staff reported to Council on the design of six pedestrian crossings in Minto to be retrofit to meet Wellington Safe Communities standards for School Crossings,

Crosswalks and Pedestrian Crossovers and the requirements of the Ontario Traffic Manual. This included a new pedestrian crossover at Jane and Main Street in Palmerston. It was hoped the crossovers would all be finished before school starts in September.

The Town completed the Prospect Street crossing to Palmerston Public School. The County may complete its crossing at Brunswick and Main in Palmerston before school starts. The final design for crossings at Elora Street & William and Arthur & George in Harriston await Provincial approval. They will not likely be finished before school starts. The attached letter was received from a Harriston resident about the relocation of the Elora Street crossing from Union to William. Staff is not recommending the crossing revert back to Union Street as it is “non-compliant” due to lack of separation from the Arthur Street lights.

The crossing at Main and Jane in Palmerston requires curb extensions into the roadway to facilitate safe pedestrian crossing. The original price for this work from the Jane Street contactor was very high. Alternate pricing is being obtained from Reeves Construction who is approved for curb and sidewalk work. The curb extensions are to be finished this fall so the crossing is operational before winter provided a reasonable price is given.

Ann Street Clifford

At the May 2 meeting Council awarded a \$371,865 contract to Moorefield to service two blocks of Ann Street between Allan and Nelson. These blocks support 10 vacant lots of which six were sold during a bid process this spring. Moorefield started to stage equipment and will finish the project within three weeks this September.

Four of the six lots sold by bid closed and are proceeding to permit. Remaining two lots will close this fall with permits taken this year. Triton Engineering is coordinating with the Chief Building Official and Moorefield to ensure servicing work and the new home elevation connect properly. There are already about 12 homes finished or underway across the five blocks of Ann Street. Public Works is looking at installing two street lights this year. Storm sewer, curbing and paving of some blocks of Ann Street will be proposed for 2018.

George Street South Harriston

At the June 20 Council meeting Moorefield was awarded the George Street South reconstruction at a cost of \$1.182 million. Temporary services are installed. Road removal and reconstruction began last week and will be well underway by mid-September. Weather permitting the first lift of asphalt will be finished mid-November. The extension request to allow final asphalt next spring under the CWWF Grant is expected to be approved shortly.

This work started at the Young and George intersection and will continue through Fall Fair. Staff met with Bruce Shannon of the Agricultural Society to coordinate Fair access and parking using the former trailer park and front of the Public Works shop. Every effort is being made have abandoned trailers removed before the Fair. Staff worked respectfully

with trailer owners allowing lots of time to take out personal items before demolition. Leaving trailers in place much longer with gas and electrical access is not desirable.

In 2018 curbing and final lift of asphalt for George Street North should be considered at budget. Triton Engineering is coordinating grading and drainage work next week on the park/storm pond including bringing the larger fill piles to a more maintainable condition.

Elora Street Clifford

Steed and Evans completed \$314,293 Phase 1 Highway 9 (Elora Street) re-pave before Homecoming as required by contract. The remaining work from Park to James (Phase 2) and from James to West Heritage (Phase 3) is in detailed design.

A public meeting will be scheduled in November to discuss the project and secondary planning issues for the northwest part of Clifford. The plan is to tender in December so that the contractor can begin work early in the spring of 2018. Depending on final servicing details Phase 3 could extend into 2019 although the plan is to complete most of the project in 2018. Developers have already inquired about water and sewer availability for larger parcels near Wightman, Wicked Sticks and W.C. Smith. The Town will require developer contributions to pay toward this servicing work.

Highway 9

Last week the Town received the Province's notice of project for Highway 9 re-construction work between Harriston and Clifford in 2018. This will mean traffic will be down to one lane in sections and/or detours in Minto next year. The Province and Town will coordinate traffic detours to ensure safe and reasonable access on Highway 9. It has only been three years since the Harriston reconstruction and care is needed to minimize impact on local business.

A final phase of Highway 9 (Elora Street Adelaide north) reconstruction in Harriston was never budgeted by the Town including curb, roadway widening, stormwater work, water main extension (Adelaide to Hutchison) and sanitary sewer crossing (from Schickedanz to the John Street). Council approved asphalt paving as an interim improvement last year.

Staff will ask the Province to accommodate Town infrastructure beyond the connecting link in their capital schedule. The intent is the Town pay certain material costs to coordinate its servicing needs with work the Province will be doing. An application to another stage of the Connecting Link funding could be considered, but the cost of the sewer crossing and watermain link to Hutchison Street is eligible under this grant. Any Town expenditures toward this section of Highway 9 will be determined by Council at the 2018 budget.

Cemeteries

The circular roadway around the Harriston cemetery extension has been laid out by staff who will prepare the lands for the roadway for plot layout. The RFP for design work in all

three cemeteries for cremation interment options will occur through the fall and winter. Council has directed that public input be obtained before any option proceeds.

COMMENTS:

Staff and Triton Engineering continue to work with contractors to complete projects within budget and time allocations, and have done an exceptional job considering the June 23 flood and the amount of work available to contractors. Staff is pleased that contractors made their best effort to get jobs done in Minto in a timely way. Triton Engineering's help keeping projects on target and working with contractors and utilities on scheduling is very much appreciated.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Work described in this report is approved in the 2017 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the C.A.O. Clerk's August 24, 2017 report Public Works Update Asphalt Work, Pedestrian Crossings.

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