2024 Budget Information Paper

Name of Department * Roads **Budget*** New (new Operating Refurbish (included Maintenance item not (not part of Replacement (repair to in capital (On replacing Capital (replacing extend the Forecast, existing an existing Forecast) an existing life of the item in it's over items) item) item) \$5,000) entirety) Please enter a date * Name: * October 12, 2023 Jeff Waldon, Public Works Manager Account #* **Account Name*** 10-06-0600-5540 **New Construction** Category * Capital- New Construction Subject: * New Double Treatment 2024

That Council includes funds within the New Construction budget to complete some double surface treatment over existing gravel roads in 2024.	

Background: *

Recommendation: *

There is many benefits to Public Works operations with the use of a surface treatment product over existing gravel roads. Besides the obvious benefit of eliminating grading of the surface, benefits have also been experienced during winter operations. Surface treatments have a tendency to ice up less during the winter rains that our climate seems to provide us annually. If ice is experienced, road salt will break the seal from surface treatment weakening the ice, whereas a gravel surface the salt eats into the ice and continues on into the gravel.

With the rising costs of fuel and fleet management, consideration should be given to long term road surface solutions. With a focus to start surfacing the roads in this area over the coming years a return on investment will be experienced as well as a high level of resident satisfaction.

Analysis: *

It is staffs intention to recommend starting to surface some of the existing gravel roads that are logistically furthest in the maintenance area. In 2023 some of the busier roads were completed along Northeys Bay Road. With a continuation of surface treating the remaining gravel roads, there would be no requirement to mobilize the grader on these roads for a minimum of 7 years. Annually upon average these roads are graded a minimum of 8 times a year pending rainfall amounts and velocity.

The roads proposed in the 2024 New Construction budget to have a Double Surface Treatment applied are:

Coon Lake Road (4km)

Don Wilson Road (1.5km's)

Big Cedar (From Don Wilson to Highway 28, 0.5km's)

2024 Total:\$478,275.00

Pricing is based on tender results received during the 2023 season. The pricing includes applying some fresh gravel each section prior to applying surface treatment.

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