

Construction projects getting underway

The 2015 Lanark County public works construction program includes 48 kilometres of roads being rehabilitated or treated as part of the ongoing pavement preservation program.

The total construction budget for this year is \$7.1 million. Federal gas tax funding covers \$1.6 million of these costs.

Public works director Terry McCann notes the department oversees construction, operation, repair and maintenance of 561.4 km of roads and 82 bridge and culvert structures in Lanark County. "Each year we assess the entire road system and make a list of priorities as part of our five-year planning process. The projects are approved by council on an annual basis."

Warden Keith Kerr (Tay Valley Reeve) says the county has been working hard to maintain its infrastructure in the most efficient and cost-effective ways. "Lanark County is committed to reinvesting in our roads and bridges to avoid the pitfalls of an infrastructure deficit. We have high standards for our roads and bridges in order to support public safety and our economy."

Projects for 2015 include:

County Road 8 (Watsons Corners Road): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited will be rehabilitating and surface treating 4 km of this road from the 6th Con. Dalhousie to Watsons Corners from Aug. 24 to Oct. 8. This is the first of two phases of work. The cost for the rehabilitation is \$557,897.

County Road 19 (Bennett Lake Road): Crains' Construction Ltd. is scheduled to begin surface treatment work from Osprey Road easterly for 4.9 km from June 29 to Aug. 21 in the third phase of this four-phase project. The cost is \$682,216.

County Road 24 (Bellamy Road and 4th Con. Pakenham): Goldie Mohr Ltd. has the contract to surface treat 4.5 km from Peneshula Road to Campbell Side Road from May 4 to June 26. This is the second of three phases for this project and the cost is \$611,134.

County Road 511: G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Company Limited will be applying hot mix to 0.3 km between Cty. Rd. 16 and Stewart Gibson Road from June 15 to July 17 at a cost of \$300,768.

County Road 10 (Drummond Con. 2): Coco Paving is slated to resurface this road and pave shoulders from Day Road to Perthmore Street – a total of 14 km. The work is scheduled for June and is the second of two phases for this project. The cost is \$966,628.

Resurfacing Projects: In June, Smiths Construction Company will be resurfacing 5 km of County Road 8 (Watsons Corners Road) from Rodger Road to Middleville, as well as 4.3 km on County Road 14 (Narrows Lock Road) from Long Lake Road to Miners Point Road and 2.7 km of County Road 22 (Shaw Road) between Waba Road and the Ottawa boundary. The total cost is 638,290.

Microsurfacing Projects: Several roads will receive microsurfacing treatment in June and July as part of the county's ongoing pavement preservation program, including 2 km on County Road 8 (Watsons Corners Road) between McDonalds Corners and the Dalhousie Lake Bridge, 3 km on County Road 12 (McDonalds Corners Road) from 11th Con. Dalhousie to Watsons Corners Road, 10.7 km on County Road 21 (ElmGrove Road) between Rideau Ferry Road and the Murphys Point Provincial Park entrance, and portions of Drummond Con. 2 and the Narrows Lock Road as part of other jobs. The work is to be completed by Miller Paving Ltd. for a total cost of \$815,486.

Culvert Replacement: A total of 22 culverts will be replaced on County Roads 4, 9, 14, 16, 17, 29, 36, 43 and 511 from May to August by Goldie Mohr Ltd. at a cost of \$294,680. The work coincides with other projects.

Mississippi River Bridge: Work on the Mississippi Bridge replacement is to be completed in May and involves curbs and gutters, guide rails, final trimming, waterproofing and paving. Paving cannot be completed until after the half-load season ends. The Active Transportation Structure is to be completed in October. Half of the funding for the structure (\$122,000) was received through a National Trails Coalition grant.

Public Works Facility: Site works on the new facility adjacent to the current Lanark County Administration Building are to begin in April by Arnott Brothers Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$274,245. Work on the building is scheduled to commence in May by Richard D. Steele Construction (1979) Ltd. in the amount of \$1.4 million. The sand and salt dome construction is to begin in June by Wright Developments Inc. for \$454,160. Paving will be ongoing through the summer by Carson Construction for \$225,000 as sections are completed.

Motorists are reminded to obey all signs and traffic control personnel during these construction projects. "Traffic may be reduced to one lane from time to time in these projects," Mr. McCann said. "Obeying signals and workers helps to ensure everyone's safety. We regret any inconvenience or disruption to traffic that may be caused."

Mr. McCann also noted the county's public works crews will be cleaning bridges and conducting roadside mowing, pothole patching and sign repairs throughout the summer. "Regular road maintenance activities will be conducted through other contracts throughout the season, including ditching, brushing, crack sealing, line painting and safety barrier repairs."

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