



## **Rate-Payers/Residents: Info on INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR 2019**

### **Project 1: Main Street Reconstruction**

**Cost/Funding:** The entire project (design and construction) is expected to cost **\$1,030,000.00**. The township has been approved for **\$977,836.00** from the Ontario Critical Infrastructure Funds (Capital and Capacity streams), with **\$52,164.00** allocated within the township's own budget.

**Description:** The Main St. Reconstruction Project (MRP) will involve work on Main St. from the Intersection with Highway 540, through the Hamlet to the Northerly intersection of Main and Upper Streets (past the lighthouse/Aus Hunt Marina). The purpose of this work is to address the significant deterioration of this key artery, address instability in the rock cut and inadequate drainage, as well as improve safety and pedestrian flow.

**Status:** This project has just entered the engineering design phase, with a construction tender ready design expected by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The design contract has been tendered to *EXP Services Inc.*

### **Project 2: Kagawong Waterfront Improvements, Phase 1**

**Cost/Funding:** The entire budget (design and construction) is expected to cost **\$2,045,690.00**, with the township approved for **\$1,818,276.00** from senior levels of government, and **\$227,414.00** allocated within the township's own budget.

**Description:** This project will see expansion of the small craft basin, work on the Aus Hunt Marina main, with new slip infrastructure for both, as well as the installation of a sanitary system with force main and treatment facility to accommodate both the current and future waterfront developments. The construction phase of this project will also affect lower Main Street, Old Mill Road, and Henry Drive.

**Status:** The project has just entered the engineering design phase, with a construction tender ready design expected by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The design contract has been tendered to **EXP Services Inc.**

***Note that there will be geotechnical investigation work conducted for both projects this autumn (starting in late August or early September). This work is not expected to have any major community or business/economic impacts. Both projects also include an objective to improve parking on the Main Street corridor, and in the downtown generally.***

## **Project Communication and Business/Community Impact Mitigation**

The construction of these projects is obviously going to affect vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the Hamlet. However, the scope of the work is not as extensive as that conducted in 2005, when the work involved blasting and removal of substantial material from the steepest portion of Main Street Hill, and required a long-term complete closure of that portion of Main Street.

Everyone involved in the administration of these projects - council, municipal staff (including our engineering support person, Dejan Kovacev, of Seven Rock Technology), and the design engineers - understands the importance of communication in achieving the objectives of these projects. By definition, communication is bi-directional. As a starting point, I make the following points:

1. There is a community consultation component inherent to the design process for both projects, with the engineering design firm seeking public input for both designs – likely in early October – at the preliminary design phase. Please watch for information regarding this process. This will be your primary opportunity to constructively influence the project. Personally, I was heartened by the fact that the design engineers stated that they have received and incorporated “good ideas” received during public consultations for similar projects they have designed;
2. Given the nature of the two projects, there will be integration and coordination of design and construction; and,
3. Construction staging, managing vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and ensuring public safety, are key components of any and all infrastructure projects.

Until we have design material to facilitate the consultation process, we have limited information to share with you. In the meantime, I am available to discuss any questions, concerns, or comments you may have.

Ultimately, these projects are intended to improve the Hamlet of Kagawong, and the broader municipality, for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors. I ask you to keep this reality in mind as we all endure the inevitable inconvenience of this kind of work.

Sincerely,



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