

Lanark County outlines construction projects for 2018

In 2018, the Lanark County Public Works department plans to complete pavement preservation on 57.3 kilometres of roads, with rehabilitation and paved shoulders scheduled for 29.7 km.

The total construction budget for this year is \$7.75 million, with federal gas tax funding covering \$1.81 million and \$310,000 covered by Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund funding.

“Each year the county assesses the entire road system,” explains Terry McCann, public works director. “We develop a list of priorities as part of a five-year planning process, which is approved by county council.” The county oversees construction, operation, repair and maintenance on more than 560 km of roads and 82 bridge and culvert structures.

“We are continuing with our program to pave shoulders on all county roads over time,” Mr. McCann added. He noted Montague Township has a grant to complete work on Matheson Drive to Smiths Falls next year. “With work being completed in that area by the county this year, a loop of paved shoulders will be created.”

“Our roads and bridges are one of our biggest assets in Lanark County,” said Warden John Fenik (Perth Mayor). “It is critical that we maintain our infrastructure at a high standard, but we must also be fiscally prudent and consider the financial impact for our ratepayers. Public safety, quality of life and economy are priorities when we reinvest in our infrastructure.”

Projects for 2018 include:

County Road 17 (Appleton Side Road): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited will be pulverizing and repaving 7.3 km from Cavanagh Road to County Road 11 (River Road) and resurfacing from McCuan Road to 9th Line. Paved shoulders are part of this part of this project. Work is scheduled from April 30 to June 8 at a cost of \$1.1 million.

County Road 4 (Roger Stevens Drive): G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Company Limited is slated to do work on 6 km. The first kilometre is micro-resurfacing from Rideau Avenue to Code Drive. Shoulders are already paved. From Code Drive to County Road 23 (Rosedale Road South) is resurfacing with paved shoulders. Roger Stevens Drive will then have paved shoulders from Rideau Avenue to Rosedale Road South. Work is planned from July 16 to Aug. 3 at a cost of \$485,000.

County Road 23 (Rosedale Road South): From Aug. 7 to 31, G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Company Limited is slated to pulverize, add granular, complete drainage work and repave 3.4 km from Bristow Drive to Matheson Drive at a cost of \$505,000. From Matheson Drive to Roger Stevens Drive it will be resurfaced with paved shoulders completed, which finishes paved shoulders for its full length.

County Road 8 (Watsons Corners Road): Crains Construction Limited is scheduled to pulverize, add granular, complete drainage work and apply double surface treatment with paved shoulders on 4 km from Dalhousie Lake Bridge to 6th Concession A Dalhousie from Aug. 7 to Sept. 7 at a cost of

\$593,000.

County Road 16 (Wolf Grove Road): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited is scheduled to pulverize, add granular, complete drainage work and apply warm mix paving with paved shoulders to 2.8 km from County Road 9 (Tatlock Road) to 12th Concession C Lanark June 6 to July 13 at a cost of \$631,000.

County Road 6 (Althorpe Road): G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Company Limited has the contract to pulverize, add granular, conduct drainage work and apply double surface treatment with paved shoulders from 1 km west of Hanna Road for 3km from June 18 to Aug. 3 at a cost of \$454,000.

County Road 21 (Lally Road): Pending permits from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, gravel will be applied to 3 km inside Murphys Point Provincial Park, along with culverts, drainage, and some rock removal. Surface treatment will not take place this year. A tender is expected to be issued in July.

Ashton Bridge: Major rehabilitation is planned for the Ashton Bridge. The work is to be completed in partnership (50/50) with the City of Ottawa, which will be letting the tender.

Culvert Replacement: A total of 15 culverts will be replaced on County Roads 4, 17, 22, 29, 36, 43 and 511 from May 7 to Aug. 3 by Arnott Brothers Construction Ltd. at a cost of \$86,000 and Goldie Mohr Ltd. for \$156,000.

Traffic Signal Upgrades: From May 7 to Aug. 31, will upgrade traffic signals in Carleton Place at Joseph Street at Townline Road, Bridge Street at Townline Road, Patterson Street at McNeely Avenue and the Walmart entrance at McNeely Avenue at a cost of \$150,000. (This contract will be awarded at the May 9 council meeting.)

Microsurfacing: This pavement preservation work is scheduled to take place from June 4 to Aug. 31 on County Roads 1, 4, 6, 16, 19, 22, 24, 29 and 36 by Miller Paving at a cost of \$1.4 million.

Mr. McCann notes traffic may be reduced to one lane periodically during these projects and asks motorists to obey all signs and traffic control personnel during construction to ensure the safety of workers and the public. "We regret any inconvenience or disruption to traffic that may be caused."

Also watch for the county's public works crews cleaning bridges and conducting roadside mowing, pothole patching and sign repairs throughout the summer. Regular road maintenance activities through other contracts throughout the season include ditching, brushing, crack sealing, line painting and safety barrier repairs.

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