

I wish to thank my councillor Andrew Veale for his co-operation in presenting my letter to Council and to Council for taking the time to listen.

For the past 12 years the City of Kawartha Lakes has plowed and sanded our road in a timely and professional manner and our Association has sent many letters of thanks for their work over the years.

Antiquary Road is less than 1 km and has 80 homes, half of which are permanent residences. The road itself was deeded to the Township of Eldon in 1947 and the City assumed the road under amalgamation. On our road a right-of-way is owned by the City and used summer and winter. The property taxes on this less than 1 km road exceed over \$170,000 a year. We have a number of seniors living here full time –the oldest just celebrated her 94th birthday and a number of young families with children ranging in age from 3 to 14. We have teachers, a full time fire fighter, school custodian, waitress, PSW, etc. residing permanently.

Many of our residents have moved onto our road under the assumption that the City has an agreement with our Association to plow and sand. The majority of our permanent residents live on the back lots are elderly or have young families and limited incomes.

Our Association collects dues each year in order to ensure that the road is kept in good shape and we resurface the road every 5 years. The road was resurfaced (tar & chip) in 2012 for \$17,800.00. Back in 2004 we created a turn around at the request of the City so the large snow plows could maneuver properly. That cost us \$3,216.00.

The plowing and sanding takes approximately 5 minutes. Antiquary Road is directly off Centennial Park Road, a major assumed road and across from Driftwood Shores another assumed road. We do not consider this to be a major expense to the City considering the taxes we pay. In the spring we pay to have the road swept which costs anywhere from \$450.00 - \$600.00.

It is also my opinion that under the Constitution and Municipal Act that government is to hold safe its citizens. Therefore it is our Association's position that the current service level remain as is. This opinion is based on the safety of our citizens, the large amount of property owners, taxes paid by those on unassumed roads and the small cost involved.

It's obvious to our Association that public feedback overwhelming supports leaving the road service as is. There appears to be a bias against snow plowing following this Association's presentation to the Director and public opinion expressed in the press. We therefore would agree with option one including snow plowing and sanding where it is included in the current LSA contracts and where grading is not included. Snow plowing and sanding is the most important service for safety reasons.

Finally, even if a new policy is in place for unassumed roads, like any other policy a exception clause should be part of such as we feel that considering the number of

residents, the shortness of the road and that proper maintenance has been maintained that we meet the exception.

Thank you for your time.

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