Council Memorandum

Date:	October 5, 2021
То:	Council
From:	Councillor Veale
Re:	Decision Units for the 2022 Budget

Recommendation

That the memorandum, from Councillor Veale, regarding **Decision Units for the 2022 Budget,** be received;

That the following items be brought forward as decision units in the 2022 budget process:

- 1. The formation of a right turning lane at Simcoe Street and River Street, in Seagrave.
- 2. The creation of a crosswalk in Little Britain, on Eldon Road, by Dr. George Hall Public School.
- 3. The creation of a crosswalk in Manilla, located at the intersection of Simcoe Street and Edward Street.
- 4. The establishment of a pump park at the Little Britain Community Park.
- 5. The low volume gravel roads, listed in ENG2021-014, with the addition of Farms Road.
- 6. An environmental assessment for a second water source in the village of Woodville.
- 7. The paving of Royal Oak Road, from White Rock Road to Simcoe Street.
- 8. The paving of Taylors Road, from Highway 7 to Quaker Road.

That these recommendations be forwarded to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

Rationale

- As it stands, this intersection is the only access point for residents of Kings Bay. Due to the traffic on Simcoe Street, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to safely turn on to River Street. Additionally, because of the increased wait times for drivers behind vehicles making right turns, motorists are pulling into on coming traffic to avoid the line up of turning vehicles. A right turning lane would help to improve both traffic flow and safety at this intersection.
- Eldon Road has on going issues with speeding. Staff have tried traffic calming measures to no avail. There is a concern for the safety of the students crossing Eldon Road to access Dr. George Hall Public School.
- 3. Simcoe Street is a boundary road. On the east side of the road, within the Kawartha Lakes, is the Woods of Manilla subdivision. This subdivision has seen an influx of young families. The only park in the area is on the west side of Simcoe. Residents cannot safely cross Simcoe Street to access the park. Without a crosswalk, residents are lobbying for a park with in the Woods of Manilla Subdivision.
- 4. I have received numerous requests from residents, who travel to the Uxbridge pump park, to establish a similar park in Little Britain. The consensus among the residents is that the Kawartha Lakes has made significant investments into urban parks and that smaller, rural community parks, are due for funding. A pump park is inclusive for walkers and wheeled sports equipment alike. It would be an innovative amenity to add to our portfolio.
- 5. The municipality is spending money grading sections of low volume gravel roads. In an effort to reduce operating costs, I would like staff to look at how to best implement the paving of road sections listed in ENG2021-014, and Farms Road, over the next 3-5 years.
- 6. In the late 1990's, a new well was constructed in the village of Woodville. Not long after its completion, water restrictions were placed on the village from approximately 2003-2014/15. Currently, Mancini Homes is building a subdivision, it is phase two of a multistage project that will bring over 100 homes to the area. However, before phase three and four can commence, the builder will have to wait a full year while they monitor the effect of the new homes on the existing well. Should there be an issue with the water supply, the recourse is unclear. Because of this, I propose that we conduct an environmental assessment for a second water source in the village of Woodville.
- 7. Neither Royal Oak, or Taylors Road, are listed in the current Roads Needs Study. These two roads are costing the municipality more to maintain than to simply repair. Staff agree that these roads need to be addressed. I am looking for the best program to remedy the situation.





