

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Roads Task Force Meeting

RT2025-04
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
10:00 A.M.
Council Chambers
City Hall
26 Francis Street, Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5R8

Members:
Councillor Mike Perry
Councillor Pat Warren
Mayor Doug Elmslie

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1. Call to Order

Chair M. Perry called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Roads Task Force members P. Warren and D. Elmslie were in attendance. Director of Public Works B. Robinson, Director of Engineering J. Rojas, Manager of Technical Services M. Farquhar, and Executive Assistant to Mayor and Council C. Ellison were also in attendance in Council Chambers. The Chair noted the presence of other councillors in the gallery. They were present only to hear the presentation, not to participate in discussion.

Absent: R. Ashmore

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

RT2025-12

Moved By Mayor Elmslie

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That the Agenda for the Roads Task Force Meeting of April 22, 2025 be adopted as circulated with the following addition:

6.2 New Business - Salt Management Memo.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting

RT2025-13

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Mayor Elmslie

That the Minutes of the Roads Task Force Meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2025, be received and adopted.

Carried

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 RT2025-04.3.1

Public Sessions

Councillor Perry

Discussed options for the Roads tour meetings, with a preference to hold them in the fall. Potential locations discussed included Omemee, Coboconk, Little Britain, and Pontypool. The Mayor suggested receiving questions ahead of time would be useful, as would keeping a rigid agenda. Further discussion to be held at the next meeting.

RT2025-14

Moved By Mayor Elmslie

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That ideas should be brought back for further consideration at the next meeting.

Carried

4. Correspondence

4.1 RT2025-04.4.1

Recommendations for Improved Winter Maintenance in Downtown Lindsay

Melissa McFarland, Executive Directive Lindsay Downtown BIA

RT2025-15

Moved By Mayor Elmslie

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That the correspondence be received and forwarded to the appropriate staff for follow up.

Carried

5. Deputations

There were no deputations.

6. New Business

6.1 RT2025-04.6.1

Lifecycle Extension Program

Mike Farquhar, Manager Technical Services (Engineering)

Manager Farquhar provided an overview of the Lifecycle Extension Program which has several components that are used to extend the life of roads: Asphalt Rejuvenation, Slurry Sealing, Crack Sealing, Drainage Improvements, and Localized Asphalt Paving. Each program is used to bridge a gap between extensive maintenance requirements and the ability to improve it with a larger capital project. Of the five programs, four are tendered through the budget process each year, but the fifth, Localized Asphalt Paving, is determined after each winter, as weather conditions can have a significant impact. Traditionally Engineering staff present a priority list to Council to determine which roads are to be included in the program for the year, as needs often are not covered by what has been allocated in the budget. In 2025, the budget is \$630,000, but the cost to do every road on the list is \$1.7 million. Council has the option to fund projects within the budget only or to direct staff to increase that amount. If roads on the list are not selected, they may be captured on other lists for different programs, and would continue to receive increased maintenance until they could be addressed more substantially.

RT2025-16

Moved By Mayor Elmslie

Seconded By Councillor Perry

That the presentation from Manager Farquhar, **Lifecycle Extension Program**, be received.

Carried

6.2 RT2025-04.6.2

Salt Management Memo

Councillor Warren

Councillor Warren provided an overview of the Memo she would like to bring forward. The Mayor indicated it may be a good recommendation from the Task Force. Further discussion to be deferred to the next meeting.

RT2025-17

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Mayor Elmslie

That the memo from Councillor Warren, **Salt Management**, be brought back for discussion at the next meeting.

Carried

7. Case Studies

7.1 RT2025-04.7.1

Sturgeon Glen Road

Councillor Perry

Councillor Perry noted that Sturgeon Glen Road is a good example of a typical road that is not listed in the 5-year plan. Director Rojas noted that the road was reviewed during the budget cycle for 2025 and costs were presented to the Budget Committee in the fall. Nothing has changed for the road or for the estimated cost of 368K. Parts of the road were identified for the Lifecycle Extension Program, but there are more roads identified than can be addressed with the current budget. If it is not selected for that program this year, it will remain on the list for the following year. Case complaints will also factor into the decision-making process.

8. Other Business

8.1 RT2025-04.8.1

Summary of Considerations

Councillor Perry

Councillor Perry recapped the spectrum of options for bringing forward road considerations to staff and Council: from Council deferring all issues to staff, to Council providing input during the preparation of the priority list; Councillors may also consult the Mayor and provide input to the Budget Committee, or add them as decision units during the Budget process. Finally, as an interim option, roads may be considered for the Lifecycle Extension program if they are not within the 5-year plan. It was agreed that Strong Mayor Powers need to be considered, as all budget changes must begin with the Mayor, but the Mayor welcomes input from councillors. The Mayor also noted that residents should continue to use the Case system as staff rely on that data to help create their priority lists. Councillor

Perry noted that councillors and staff are already utilizing all of the different ways of bringing attention to roads that are in need of work, but developing a formal system to address those concerns would still be helpful. It was also noted that councillors can bring issues to staff during monthly meetings with Public Works, and Councillor Warren suggested that perhaps Engineering could also be present at those meetings.

RT2025-18

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By Mayor Elmslie

That the **Summary of Considerations To-Date** from Councillor Perry be received.

Carried

9. Adjournment

RT2025-19

Moved By Mayor Elmslie

Seconded By Councillor Warren

That the Meeting adjourn at 11:17 p.m.

Carried