

Council Memorandum

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| Date: | August 26, 2025 |
| To: | Council |
| From: | Councillor Richardson |
| Re: | Pulverization of Drum Road West |

Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Councillor Richardson, **regarding the Pulverization of Drum Road West**, be received; and

That Staff be directed to report back to Council with options, recommendations and budget implications for the pulverization of Drum Road by the Regular Council Meeting of October 21, 2025.

Rationale

Recommending the pulverization of Drum Road west of 380 to Wilmont Road approximately 1.5 km as it is past its lifecycle and local residents have concerns with safety and commuting issues; it is a maintenance burden to Public Works and pulverizing will create stabilization and operational costs savings.

Public works would commit to maintaining as a gravel road until such time that Drum Road West is resurfaced. Drum Road West has been identified in the 2021 Roads Needs condition map to be addressed as a future need. There is no planned timeline for Drum Road West currently, and it has become a maintenance issue with higher maintenance costs.

This is a request to pulverize 1.5 km and have it remain as a gravel road; currently Drum Road West is a combination of half-gravel and half-hardtop surface. At the



Wilmont Road intersection west, the remainder of Drum Road is currently a gravel road and it would be a seamless transition for Public Works to manage the road with a grader than to continually fill pot holes. The heightened reason to bring this forward is that I have local residents that receive home care and the service has threatened to stop service due to the condition of the roadway. If we have a surplus in the lifecycle program this fall, we could move forward with pulverizing this section to provide stability to the roadway until it is adopted in the Now Needs Program and future year resurfacing capital budget.