



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: RD2025-004
Meeting Date: November 4, 2025
Title: RD2025-004 Salt Management Plan Update
Description: Salt Management Plan Update
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Recommendation(s):

That Report RD2025-004, **Salt Management Plan Update**, be received;

That the 2025 Salt Management Plan, attached as Appendix A to Report RD2025-004, be approved and adopted to guide the management of road salt related to winter control operations; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

In April 2004, Environment Canada published a Code of Practice for the Environmental Management of Road Salt. The Code requires any organization that uses more than 500 tonnes of road salts per year to prepare a Salt Management Plan (SMP) and to report annually on the status of the plan and their winter maintenance practices. The Code of Practice was developed to encourage road authorities to adopt new winter operation practices that would maintain safe roads and reduce environmental impacts due to road salts.

The City of Kawartha Lakes retained the services of Totten Sims Hubicki in 2006 and 2007 to develop a Salt Management Plan for use by the City. The plan looked at practices in place at that time and made recommendations for future implementation. Since the original development, Council was provided Salt Management Plan updates in 2011, 2012 and 2016. Moving forward, Staff plan to provide Council an update and recommendations on the Salt Management Plan every 5 years.

Rationale:

The proposed City of Kawartha Lakes Salt Management Plan (SMP) attached to this report includes a discussion of updated current and future operations and procedures as well as planned upgrades and potential improvement opportunities. The Salt Management Plan is a “living” document that is reviewed annually and updated as changes occur.

The revisions to the Salt Management Plan are generally administrative in nature to more accurately reflect current conditions and future opportunities that have changed since the last update that was made in 2016.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No alternatives are being considered at this time. The Salt Management Plan is intended to be a guidance document for the municipality and serve to guarantee continuous improvement in respect of the management of road salt as well as support the environmental vision and commitments of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendation in this report relates to the following strategic priorities:

1. A Healthy Environment – The updated Salt Management Plan provided within this report demonstrates the City of Kawartha Lakes’ commitment to protection of and respect for the natural environment and water quality.

2. Good Government – The Salt Management Plan provides guidance for proper use of winter materials to provide adequate winter control to accommodate our residents and seasonal tourism.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are financial implications associated with this report. Costs related to winter maintenance include the general requirements of the Salt Management Plan. Capital improvement recommendations in the plan will be determined based on priority of need and will be included in future budgets for approval.

Consultations:

Director of Public Works
Manager, Roads Operations (West A)
Manager, Roads Operations (West B)
Manager, Fleet and Transit
Manager, Water and Wastewater

Attachments:

Appendix A – City of Kawartha Lakes Salt Management Plan 2025 (with Track Changes)



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Appendix B - City of Kawartha Lakes Salt Management Plan 2025 (without Track Changes)



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