

Lanark County construction season underway

The 2017 Lanark County public works construction program has 47 kilometres of roads scheduled to be rehabilitated or treated as part of the ongoing pavement preservation program.

The total construction budget for this year is almost \$6.9 million. Federal gas tax and Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund funding combined covers \$1.95 million of these costs.

Lanark County Public Works oversees construction, operation, repair and maintenance on more than 560 km of roads and 82 bridge and culvert structures. "Each year we assess the entire road system and develop a list of priorities as part of a five-year planning process approved by county council," explains Terry McCann, public works director.

"Lanark County strives to maintain our infrastructure at a high standard while balancing the financial impact for our ratepayers," says Warden Bill Dobson (Montague Reeve). "We recognize the importance of our roads and bridges in terms of public safety, quality of life and our economy, and continue to reinvest in our infrastructure in the most cost-effective ways possible."

Projects for 2017 include:

County Road 1 (Rideau Ferry Road): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. will be pulverizing and applying warm mix on 4.7 km from County Road 21 (Elmgrove Road) to Rideau Ferry. There will be drainage improvements in Rideau Ferry and work completed in the parking lot of the Rideau Ferry Store as part of this project. Work is scheduled from April 24 to the end of June at a cost of \$1.2 million.

County Road 6 (Althorpe Road): Crains' Construction Ltd. is slated to begin pulverizing and double surface treatment with overlay from Bathurst 2nd Concession westerly for 4.4 km from June to August at a cost of \$628,000.

County Road 6 (Christie Lake Road): In June and July, Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. is slated to apply warm-mix overlay on 3.7 km from Glen Tay to the County Administration Building at a cost of \$666,000.

County Road 9 (Tatlock Road): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd. is scheduled to pulverize and apply warm mix to 3 km from Wolfgrove Road to Clayton Road in June at a cost of \$507,000.

County Road 14 (Narrows Lock Road): Smiths Construction is scheduled to apply double surface treatment overlay on 5.5 km from Miners Point Road to the Leeds and Grenville boundary in June at a cost of \$251,000.

County Road 20 (Waba Road): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited has the contract to pulverize and apply warm mix to 2.5 km from Shaw Road to 9th Concession Pakenham in May and June at a cost of \$459,000.

County Road 23 (Rosedale Road South): Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited will pulverize and apply warm mix to 2.5 km from County Road 43 to Guthrie Road in August and September at a cost of \$411,000.

County Road 36 (Bolingbroke Road): In August and September, Crains' Construction Ltd. will pulverize and double surface treatment 3.2 km from Christie Lake Road to Bolingbroke at a cost of \$438,000.

County Road 43: In June and July, Duncor Enterprises will complete microsurfacing on 17.5 km from Perth to Smiths Falls at a cost of \$774,000.

Swale Culvert Replacement: Located on County Road 43 on the western edge of Smiths Falls, steel culverts will be replaced with a concrete box culvert. The work is to be completed from the end of July to the end of September by H & H Construction at a cost of \$300,000. During this work, traffic will be reduced to one lane and will be controlled by signals.

Culvert Replacement: A total of 17 culverts will be replaced on County Roads 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 29 and 511 from May to August by Arnott Brothers Construction Ltd. at a cost of \$244,000.

Traffic Signal Upgrades: From May to September, Black and McDonald Ltd. will upgrade traffic signals in Almonte at Ottawa and Martin Street North, County Road 29 and County Road 16, and County Road 16A (Bridge Street) at Mill Street at a cost of \$95,000.

Mr. McCann notes traffic may be reduced to one lane periodically during these projects and asks motorists to obey all signs and traffic control personnel during construction to ensure the safety of workers and the public. "We regret any inconvenience or disruption to traffic that may be caused."

Also watch for the county's public works crews cleaning bridges and conducting roadside mowing, pothole patching and sign repairs throughout the summer. Regular road maintenance activities through other contracts throughout the season include ditching, brushing, crack sealing, line painting and safety barrier repairs.

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