

Staff Report

Presented By: Matt Prentice, Director, Operations

Meeting Date: June 9, 2025

Subject: Bruce County Roads Authority Assessment Study Request

Attachment(s): Update on Road Level Service Request – County Staff Report

Recommendation

That Council receive the Bruce County Road Level Service Request report for information.

Report Summary

The Town received a request from the County of Bruce to participate in the Bruce County Roads Authority Assessment Study. This report contains the background for Council awareness and acknowledges the Town's participation in this work in 2025 /2026.

Background/Analysis

On May 26, 2025, the Town received a request from Bruce County to participate in the County's Roads Authority Assessment Study. The County approved a budget of \$50,000 to complete the study. The request is to form a working committee comprised of County staff and lower-tier municipal staff to evaluate the local roadways, county roadways, and provincial roadways within the boundaries of Bruce County. It is the County's goal to form the working committee in Q2 of 2025, with the first meeting taking place in Q3 of 2025.

The expectation is that the committee will identify sections of roadway that could be recommended for uploading or downloading amongst the three (3) road authorities (Local, County & Provincial).

Further, it is intended that key representatives from the committee will engage Saugeen First Nation, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and representatives from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

This project will produce a final Study Report that will include the findings and be brought to County Council in Q3 of 2026 with hopes for endorsement by the end of 2026.

Staff from the Town's Public Works Division will support this request from the County. It is anticipated about 30-40 hours of staff time is required. The 2025 Business Plan will have this work added to the Public Works Division highlights for 2025 and 2026.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 1: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community
- Business Plan Alignment: Operations Business as Usual

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

No costs or revenue is associated with this report.

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