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Committee Report

To: Warden Mitch Twolan

Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services

Committee

From: Miguel Pelletier

Director of Transportation & Environmental Services

Date: December 20, 2018

Re: Proposed Exchange - County of Bruce and Municipality of Brockton

Recommendation:

That the proposal from the Council of Arran-Elderslie that the County of Bruce assume those portions of Concession 2A Elderslie/Concession 20 linking Bruce Roads 3 and 1, including Greenock Bridge No. 11; and the Municipalities of Brockton and Arran-Elderslie assume proportional sections of Bruce Road 1 between Concession 20 and Paisley not be accepted; and,

That the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services undertake an initial review of the County road network and contact the lower tier municipalities to identify other current opportunities for road and bridge exchanges. The results of the review will be reported to the Committee on February 21, 2019.

Background:

This proposal (letter attached) is the same proposal that was received from Brockton. It was discussed at this committee on November 15, 2018 (report attached). The following recommendation was defeated at that time:

"That the County of Bruce assume jurisdiction over Bridge 11 and the sections of Concession 2A Elderslie and Concession 20 Greenock necessary to maintain the link between County Roads 3 and 1; and,

That the Municipalities of Brockton and Arran-Elderslie would assume proportional jurisdiction over sections of Bruce Road 1 between Concession 20 and the Community of Paisley and of the Starks bridge."

The principal concern was that all the lower tier municipalities may also have roads and bridges that they would like to exchange with the County and that these proposals should be addressed in a holistic manner and prioritized.

A formal process to rationalize the county's road network designations was conducted in 2004. It was a substantive effort and it is not currently planned for 2019.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Not applicable.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

#1 Develop and implement tactics for improved communication. #6 Explore alternative options to improve efficiency and service.

Approved by:

Marianne Nero

Acting Chief Administrative Officer