



# Staff Report to Council - for Information

**Title:** Update on Road Level Service Request - Town of South Bruce Peninsula and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation

**From:** Adam Stanley, Director of Transportation and Environmental Services

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**Report Number:** TES-2025-003

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## Report Purpose:

This report is for information.

## Report Summary:

At the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting Bruce County Council passed a motion to refer to staff an item of correspondence received from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, and directed that staff follow up with a response at a future meeting.

As part of the approved 2025 Operating Budget, \$50,000 was included to complete a Roads Authority Assessment Study. It is planned that a working committee comprised of County staff and lower-tier municipal staff will be formed in 2025 to evaluate the local roadways, County roadways and provincial roadways within the confines of Bruce County. It is intended that representatives from the committee will engage Saugeen First Nation, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and representatives from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). Staff will ensure that the sections of Purple Valley Road, Coveney's Road and McIver Road are included in the study. Staff are planning to bring the findings of the Study to County Council for endorsement in late 2026.

## Background/Analysis:

At the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular County Council meeting, an excerpt from the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 South Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes was shared as Communications on the Agenda. Council referred this correspondence to staff and directed staff to follow up with a response to the request at a future meeting.

Staff are pleased to inform Council that as part of the approved 2025 Operating Budget, \$50,000 was included to complete a Roads Authority Assessment Study. The intent of the Study 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. The working committee will be established in Q2 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. Further, it is intended that representatives from the committee will engage Saugeen First Nation, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and representatives from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

Staff will ensure that the sections of Purple Valley Road, Coveney's Road and McIver Road are included in the study.

This project will produce a final Study Report which will be similar to the Bruce County Road Designation Study Report completed in September of 2003.

Staff are planning to bring the findings of the report to County Council for endorsement in late 2026.

**Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations at this time.

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

Consultation was undertaken with the Office of the CAO.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:**

Community and Partnerships - Build a strong and inclusive community

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

**Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:**

Transportation and Environmental Services Business Plan 2025 - Roads Authority Assessment Study

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**Approved for Submission:**

Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Excerpt from November 5, 2024 Town of South Bruce Peninsula Council Meeting Minutes

Attachment 2 - Bruce County Roads Designation Study Report 2003