



**Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes –
November 5, 2024**

24. Correspondence – Consent Agenda-November 5, 2024

Discussion included lobbying Bruce County.

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by P. Deacon and **Withdrawn**

That the recommendation contained in the Consent Agenda dated November 5, 2024 be approved as presented.

1. Chippewas of Nawash – Purple Valley Road, Coveney’s Road and Mclver Road

Recommendation: **That** staff are directed to investigate the possibility and costs associated with the request from the Chippewas of Nawash dated October 9, 2024 for increased snow clearing and enhanced general maintenance activities on Purple Valley Road, Coveney’s Road and Mclver Road.

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It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by P. Deacon and **Carried**

That with regard to the item contained in the Consent Agenda dated November 5, 2024, staff are directed to thank Chippewas of Nawash First Nation for sending correspondence seeking increased snow clearing and enhanced general maintenance activities on Purple Valley Road, Coveney’s Road and Mclver Road;

And that what is being requested would be considered to be a greater level of maintenance and snow clearing than roads under the jurisdiction of the Town receive;

And that what is being requested more closely reflects the snow clearing and maintenance conducted by Bruce County on roads within their jurisdiction;

And further that staff are directed to forward the request to Bruce County and begin discussions with Bruce County regarding the conveyance of Purple Valley Road, Coveney’s Road and Mclver Road to Bruce County.

Consent Agenda

Council Meeting Date: November 5, 2024

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October 9, 2024

Town of South Bruce Peninsula
315 George Street
Warton, ON
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Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Purple Valley Road, Coveney's Road and McIver Road

Thank you for your letter dated October 3, 2024 regarding the interest the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation has in the above-mentioned roads. As a community with over 700 permanent residents these roads represent critical pathways for our community members, businesses, Nawash Operations and Emergency Service Providers to access Neyaashiinigiing.

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation operates a Road Maintenance Department, which works diligently to ensure the accessibility of roads within Neyaashiinigiing, however their mandate stops at our borders.

The Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Council appreciates the enquiry from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula regarding the needs of our community. As you are aware, winter's in Bruce County can create treacherous and unpredictable road conditions. We acknowledge that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula does provide scheduled clearing of these roads, however this schedule seems to be limited to early mornings and evenings. This has presented recurring challenges to our members and staff who travel regularly into and out of Neyaashiinigiing, in particular afternoons represent a time when Children are returning from school and many members and staff begin their commutes home. The accumulation of snow and slush during this period between the scheduled clearings presents serious safety concerns for both individuals and emergency service providers.

In addition, our members have noted concerning conditions on Purple Valley Road and Coveney's road that would benefit from a more permanent repair effort. On Coveney's Road there are a series of bends in the road prior to entering the community where, despite the recent Tar and Chip applications, the road shoulders have

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deteriorated. This is particularly concerning on the portion of Coveney's Roads at the top of Coveney's hill. This is a blind corner with a sharp bend where a damaged road edge causes traffic to move closer to the center of the road and potentially into oncoming traffic. Similarly, the inside edge of the road is damaged at the bend in Coveney's Road near Vanishing Lake. We recognize that the Surface Treatment was recently applied to Coveney's Road and additional works may be planned to address these issues.

The Chippewa of Nawash Unceded First Nation is seeking support from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula to increase the snow clearing and general maintenance activities on these roads. We are open to supporting initiatives that would enable South Bruce Peninsula to enhance these services and ensure our Community is able to safely access Neyaashiinigiing.

Warm Regards,



Beverly Nadjiwon

Acting Chief

Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation