



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Regular Council

Date: July 22, 2024

Department: Public Works

Topic: HFI request for Hands Rd pavement extension

Purpose: To bring forward a request from HFI Pyrotechnic Inc. to have pavement extended along Hands Rd to their two most easterly entrances.

Background: Staff received correspondence from HFI Pyrotechnics Inc. requesting the Township consider paving an additional section of the road in front of their facility.

This section of Hands Rd is unique in the aspect of limited maintenance. Our unit does plow snow past the two east entrances and uses one of the entrances as a turnaround for the unit. Otherwise, no maintenance upkeep activities are performed on this section.

Staff provided a copy of the unopened road allowance policy to HFI Pyrotechnics Inc. as the section of road best falls under this category. The policy indicates that the municipality would consider opening an unopened road allowance where the potential warrants the expense of maintaining it. This is at the sole discretion of Council and where such potential user(s) are prepared to pay the cost of initially constructing a road (including the paving) to the same standard as similar publicly maintained roads located elsewhere in the municipality. Bylaw 2015-52 is attached.

Staff's understanding is HFI Pyrotechnics Inc. is seeking the Township to cover the upgrade to pavement on this section. Staff has indicated that the Township covering the cost would be outside the normal practice, however the Township has entered into partnership agreements with industrial users where the Township completed the road work and was reimbursed for the costs over a specified period of time. Bylaw 2008-0080 is an attached example.

Policy Implications: Paving this section would require entering into an agreement with HFI Pyrotechnics Inc. and ultimately passing a bylaw to assume this section into our road network.

Financial Considerations: The 2024 budget does not include any funding to perform the requested work. Based on pricing received earlier this year and if the road base is in

good shape just requiring leveling and final preparation, a rough estimate of \$35,000.00 to complete the work.

Recommendation: That Council remain consistent with the unopened road allowance policy.



Director of Operations



Manager of Public Works