



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.
2019-M-086

Staff
 Committee

Subject: Communication Mr. Christie
Agenda Date: May 23, 2019
Attachments: Correspondence from Christie

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-086;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to initiate the process to develop a policy to enable the assumption of private and/or seasonal roads by the Municipality.

INFORMATION

A letter has been received from Mr. Christie of Posniak Road regarding the possibility of the Municipality providing maintenance service to this road on a year round basis. We have received similar requests (verbal) for other roads with a similar circumstances. Presently there is no municipal policy covering the assumption of a private road into our road system. Should Council wish to investigate the assumption of roads into the network, developing a policy that could govern this process would be a good (and necessary) first step.

So Council is aware, typically, seasonal or private roads were not constructed to any MTO standard which makes providing services difficult. Often the materials used will not hold the surface adjustment when graded nor are they wide enough to be plowed with municipal equipment. To counter this, many municipalities who have a policy to consider assuming seasonal or private roads include in their policy the requirement for the residents to, at their own cost, make the necessary adjustments to the road so there is a minimum standard achieved prior to the Municipality assuming the road. While the municipality could host the project and recover the costs over time as a local improvement, including this clause in any policy being considered would outline the financial responsibilities for the initial capital works that would be required in the process of road assumption.

Other considerations could be related to potential development. Access to property is one key factor in future development. Being on a year round municipally maintained road could make it easier for further development in areas presently served by private and/or seasonal roads. Of course this would need to be compared to the cost of service provision including the equipment and personnel we presently employ which is what part of the policy would attempt to do.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Treasurer/Administrator