



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-143

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Winter Maintenance Tonomo Road

Agenda Date:

Attachments: Email; Pictures

BE IT RESOLED THAT Council acknowledge receipt of Memo 2020-M-143 on behalf of the Public Works Department regarding a request that we provide winter maintenance on Tonomo road to the 7.2 km mark (852 Tonomo Road).

INFORMATION

The Municipality assumed Wilson/Tonomo road around the year 2000 from the Ministry of Transportation (part of the amalgamation). Currently the Municipality provides winter maintenance from the intersection of Highway 11 and Tonomo Road to our snow plow turnaround covering a distance of about 2.5 km. From the other end of the road, we provide winter maintenance from the intersection of Highway 11 to the entrance for Wilson Lake Cottages.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs uses the non-winter maintained section of the road from (2.5 km mark to the 15 km) as part of their trail.

The Public Works Department has never performed Winter Maintenance activities on this road between the 2 turn arounds due to a lot of safety concerns such as:

- A section of road runs along TC Energy Pipeline
- The dangerous curves and deep embankments will require guardrails
- Some sections of the roadway being too narrow for snow plow equipment to navigate
- Lack of other snow plow turnarounds along the road (especially at the 7.2 km mark)
- The bridge located at the 5.1 km mark which has load restrictions due to condition (concerns with crossing bridge with unit due to weight) and is narrow (bridge is 12 feet wide and our combination unit with plow and wing width is 27 feet)

For these concerns, Public Works recommends that we do not move forward with the request to extend winter maintenance to 852 Tonomo Road due of the severity of and safety concerns with this road (SAFETY OF OUR STAFF).

Most of the seasonally maintained portion of the road was not constructed to any standard but, instead, was basically used as a cottage access road. In order to maintain this road in the winter a full construction would be required, especially in areas where there are sharp curves and the need for guardrails, not to mention work on the bridge.

Respectfully Submitted
Barry Turcotte, Public Works Superintendent