



Committee of the Whole

Meeting Date: May 28, 2024

Submitted by: Chris Traini, P. Eng., Deputy CAO/County Engineer

Subject: County Road and Bridge Assumption Study Committee

BACKGROUND:

The County of Middlesex assesses the needs of local municipalities for roads to be assumed by the County every five years through the County Road Assumption Study. The next set of roads are due for assumption in July of 2025. Bridges located on local roads will also be included in the analysis.

ANALYSIS:

Typically, the roads being considered for assumption by the County are evaluated by a committee made up of County councillors and local road supervisors. This committee is normally struck about a year before the roads are scheduled for assumption.

It is anticipated that there will be three committee meetings, one to set the parameters for road and bridge assumptions, a second to review the list of infrastructure to be considered and a final meeting to finalize the report before presentation to County Council for approval. Three local road officials and two County councillors plus the Warden are required to fill the committee.



The Warden and the County Engineer are recommending the following as members of this ad-hoc committee:

- Aina DeViet, Warden, Middlesex County
- Brian Ropp, Mayor, Municipality of North Middlesex
- Michelle Smibert, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Thames Centre
- Andrew Giesen, Transportation Manager, Municipality of Middlesex Centre
- Mauro Castrilli, Manager of Public Works, Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
- Ryan Hillinger, Engineering Supervisor, Middlesex County
- Chris Traini, Deputy CAO/County Engineer, Middlesex County

This committee membership gives a good representation from across the County from both urban and rural municipalities, as well as a diverse range of bridge infrastructure inventories.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
<p>Connecting Through Infrastructure</p> 	<p>Ensure communities are built on a sustainable foundation that is connected and thriving</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and advocate, through partnerships, the construction of scalable, equitable broadband infrastructure, recognizing our unserved and underserved areas • Commit to a sound asset management strategy to maintain and fund critical infrastructure • Use County infrastructure in an innovative way to provide a seamless service experience for residents
<p>Promoting Service Excellence</p> 	<p>Innovate and transform municipal service delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipate and align municipal service delivery to emerging needs and expectations • Engage, educate and inform residents, businesses, and visitors of county services and community activities • Collaborate with strategic partners to leverage available resources and opportunities

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the appointments to the County Road and Bridge Assumption Study Committee be approved as follows:

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- Brian Ropp, Mayor, Municipality of North Middlesex
- Michelle Smibert, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Thames Centre
- Andrew Giesen, Transportation Manager, Municipality of Middlesex Centre
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