

To:	Warden Halliday and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	November 8, 2018
Subject / Report No:	Addendum To TR-CW-42-18
Title:	Minimum Maintenance Standards Update
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	Member Municipalities
Status:	Recommendation adopted by the Committee as presented as per Resolution CW270-18; Endorsed by County Council on November 22, 2018 as per Resolution CC110-18.

Recommendation

1. That Report TR-CW-42-18 Minimum Maintenance Standards Update be received; and
2. That Addendum to Report TR-CW-42-18 regarding the Minimum Maintenance Standards Update be received; and
3. That the Maintenance Standards and Transportation Services Protocol be updated in the Grey County Winter Control Operator Hand Book and that a by-law be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Executive Summary

Further to the October 25, 2018 discussion of the provincial amendment to Ontario Regulation 239/02 (Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways), a legal opinion was sought on the requirements and recommendations for signage on paved shoulders and cycling lanes that are proposed for no winter maintenance.

Background and Discussion

Grey County has paved shoulders marked with a cyclist symbol on Grey Roads 1 and 19 as well as various roads with paved shoulders, which are known to be used for cycling. The updated Regulation 239/02 introduces standards for the winter maintenance of bicycle lanes. Although Grey County's paved shoulders do not fit the definition of a bicycle facility, Transportation Services staff recommends notifying the public that any paved shoulders that may be used as bicycle lanes by cyclists be closed for the winter season each year.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

Transportation Services sought a further legal opinion regarding the installation of signage for those roads that have paved shoulders that are proposed for no winter maintenance.

Donnelly & Murphy Law provided an opinion that signage be posted on Grey Roads 1 and 19 and that signage does not get installed on the other roads with paved shoulders.

Information to make cyclists aware that the cycling lanes/paved shoulders will be closed over the winter and that cyclists should exercise caution whenever cycling on roads in the winter, given the obvious seasonal hazards, and to avoid cycling on any snowy/icy surface will be posted on the County of Grey website and updated regularly.

Financial and Resource Implications

Eighteen signs identifying that the cycling routes on Grey Roads 1 and 19 are closed is suggested to be installed at an estimated cost of \$3,870.00 (including installation).

Relevant Consultation

Internal
Grey County Solicitor
Clerks Department

External
Donnelly & Murphy Law

Appendices and Attachments

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