



Report to Council

Department: Infrastructure Services
Division: Operations
Date: August 23, 2021
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Subject: Turtle Crossing Signs on Iler
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Recommendation(s)

That Operations – 2021 – 02 entitled, “Turtle Crossing Signs on Iler” **prepared by** Kevin Girard, Director of Infrastructure Services dated August 23, 2021 be received, and

That Council direct Administration to install the signs as recommended within this report.

That Council accept the donation in the amount of \$50.00 from the Harrow Youth Action Committee to be used toward the purchase of the turtle crossing signs.

Purpose

To provide a recommendation for the installation of turtle crossing signs on Iler Road at the Fox Creek.

Background and Discussion

At the July 5, 2021 Regular Council meeting, Council provided the following direction as a result of Councillor Bondy's notice of motion regarding the installation of turtle crossing signs on Iler Road.

R21-07-295

Moved by Sherry Bondy

Seconded by Kim Verbeek

That Council direct administration to work with the Essex Region Conservation Authority to determine if there is a need for and/or if it is feasible relating to the installation of a turtle/ snake crossing sign on Iler Road.

Carried

After consultation with the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA), the map appended to this report was provided to the Town regarding a nesting area for turtles in the Fox Creek where it crosses Iler Road. The map also identified the recommended location for signage within the area. It is recommended that the signage be installed within the Iler Road right of way as recommended by ERCA.

Financial Impact

The total cost to install the turtle crossing signs are estimated to be approximately \$600 plus taxes and will be installed by Town of Essex Public Works Department. These signs will also be **included in the Town's capital inventory for lifecycle replacement.**

It is further recommended that the Town also accept the \$50.00 donation from the Harrow Youth Action Committee to be used toward the installation of these signs. The estimated remaining cost of \$550 plus taxes will be funded from the approved 2021 public works operating budget.

Consultations

Kate Giurissevich, Acting Director, Corporate Services/Treasurer

Norm Nussio, Manager, Operations and Drainage

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure which meets current and future needs of the municipality and its citizens.
- Create a safe, friendly and inclusive community which encourages healthy, active living for people of all ages and abilities.
- Provide a fiscal stewardship and value for tax dollars to ensure long-term financial health to the municipality.
- Manage responsible and viable growth while preserving and enhancing the unique rural and small town character of the community.
- Improve the experiences of individuals, as both citizens and customers, in their interactions with the Town of Essex.
- Improve the Town's capacity to meet the ongoing and future service needs of its citizens** while ensuring the corporation is resilient in the face of unanticipated changes or disruptions.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Nepszy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer - Aug 17, 2021 - 10:56 AM