



Meeting Date: September 18, 2024

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Report No: PWE 46-2024

Subject: Middlesex County Road Assumption

Recommendation:

THAT Report PWE 46-2024, re: Middlesex County Road Assumption be received;

AND THAT Council endorse the consideration of Littlewood Drive from Bodkin Road to Fairground's Road for assumption into the County Road network.

Purpose:

Information report to Council concerning Middlesex County's 5-year County Road and Bridge Assumption Study.

Background:

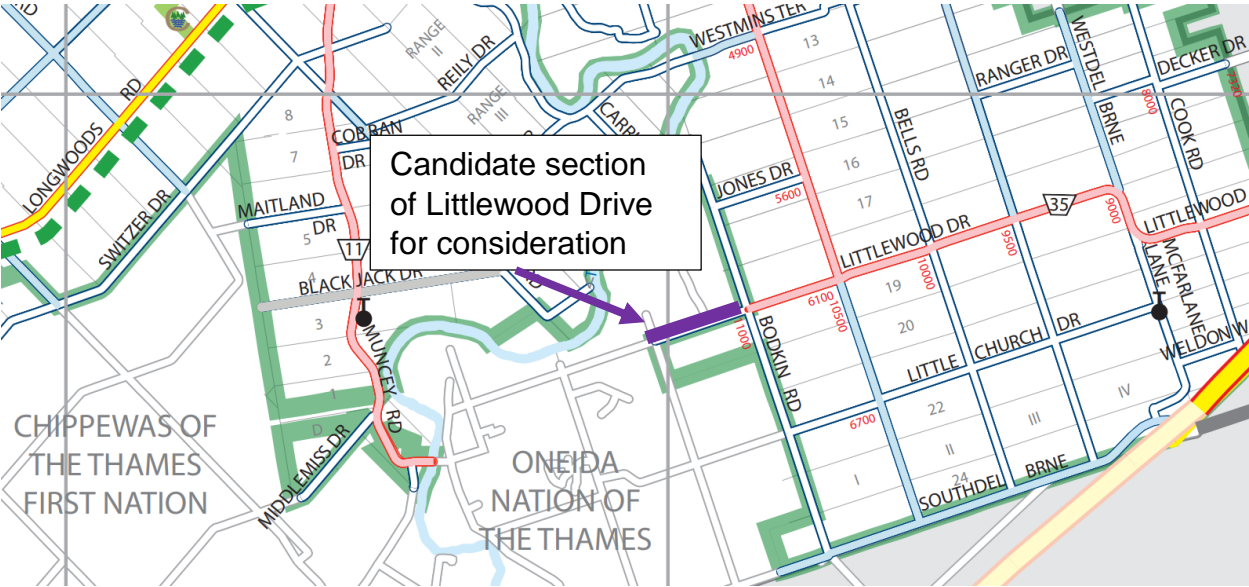
Every 5 years, Middlesex County strikes a committee to review possible road and bridge assumptions from the lower tier municipalities to the County bridge and road inventory. On May 28, 2024 County Council received the [County Road and Bridge Assumption Study Committee](#) report and approved the study committee.

Analysis:

The County road and bridges assumption study committee met on August 12, 2024 to review the terms of reference, preliminary criteria for the 2025 road assumptions, and a draft letter to be sent to local municipalities. The letter was received on August 13, 2024 and requests that local municipalities provide a listing of any roads or bridges under their jurisdiction that they would like reviewed by the review committee for possible assumption by the County. A copy of the letter can be found in appendix A.

Upon receipt of the letter, municipal staff reviewed the current municipal road inventory for possible candidates for consideration to be added to the County road network.

Staff identified Littlewood Drive from Bodkin Road to Fairgrounds Road as being a candidate road for consideration. All of Littlewood Drive to the east of Bodkin Drive is a County roadway and given the large first nation population to the west of Fairgrounds Road it would be prudent to have a continuous County road connection, with consistency in ownership and maintenance, this would be similar to Muncey Road located further to the west. The length of Littlewood Drive from Bodkin Road to Fairgrounds Road is 1.39km.



Staff are recommending that Council endorse the consideration of Littlewood Drive from Bodkin Road to Fairgrounds Road to the County Road and Bridge Assumption Study review committee for review and possible assumption into the County Road network.

Financial Implications:

Should Littlewood Drive be assumed by Middlesex County it is expected there will be a one-time maintenance compensation required at a rate of \$9,500 per kilometer, the estimated one-time maintenance compensation associated with transferring Littlewood Drive is \$13,205.00 it is expected this would be covered within the approved 2025 operating budget.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

Working with Middlesex County to ensure a connected and reliable transportation system for residents of Middlesex Centre, neighbouring First Nations, and Middlesex County.

Attachments:

Appendix A – County Road and Bridge Assumption Study 2025 - Consideration of Local Roads to be added to the County Road System