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RE: Ashfield Street Improvements / Port Albert Servicing Master Plan

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh is moving forward with priority Phase 1 projects of the Port Albert Servicing Master Plan. This project, known as the Ashfield Street Improvements, includes roadway urbanization and installation of storm drainage infrastructure on Ashfield Street between London Road and Wellington Street.

Port Albert Servicing Master Plan

The Port Albert Servicing Master Plan provides a system-wide approach to infrastructure planning to ensure proper drainage and lot grading for existing landowners and future residents of Port Albert. This Servicing Master Plan process began in May 2018, and involved public consultation, including questionnaires and public meetings before being adopted by the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council in April 2022. This Servicing Master Plan creates one plan and applies it to every property, road allowance, drain, and existing infrastructure in the study area to ensure they all interconnect cohesively. The result of this plan will continue guiding sustainable growth, in line with the goals and policies of the Official Plan, further building on the strengths and unique character of Port Albert creating a vibrant, safe, and healthy place to live for all landowners. The Port Albert Servicing Master Plan is available to view on our website at https://acwtownship.ca/government/strategies-plans/port-albert-servicing-master-plan.

Ashfield Street Improvements

This project was approved as a part of the 2024 Township Budget on March 15, 2024. A tender will be issued publicly and the results are to be brought back to Council for approval in June 2024.

Activities included in the Ashfield Street Improvement project include:

- Road reconstruction items including curb and base asphalt
- Storm Sewers
- Topcoat Paving (in 2025)

As outlined in the Port Albert Servicing Master Plan, for projects on roads currently owned and maintained by the Township of ACW, 100% of road reconstruction costs and 50% of the storm drainage costs will be paid by the Township. The remaining 50% of storm drainage costs will be paid by residents. The resident's share will be determined based on the size of the parcel located within the drainage catchment, plus a \$4000 base charge per property, which is subtracted from the resident's share of the costs.

After the tender is awarded, Township staff will send notices to residents with estimates based on the tendered price. The estimates provided will be adjusted to reflect the actual cost of construction and engineering once the project is complete. More details on the payment of costs levied against your property will be available after Council considers the amended assessment schedule in Fall 2024.

Contact

The Municipal contact for this project is Public Works Superintendent, Thomas McCarthy, contact information listed below. Follow along with the Ashfield Street Improvement project on our website at https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/wellington-street-improvements-port-albert-servicing-master-plan.

Sincerely,

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