



Administration and Operations Committee Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Administration and Operations Committee
From: Robert Walton, P.Eng. GM Operations
Date: December 10, 2024
Report #: RPT-0514-24
Subject: Powerline Road Slope Failure Emergency Repair
Purpose: For Information

Recommendation

Whereas a road slope failure on Powerline Road in Paris was repaired under Section 7.7 Direct (Emergency) Purchase provision of the County of Brant (the County) Purchasing Policy in the fall of 2024;

And whereas Purchasing Policy requires a report to Council when the direct purchase exceeds \$100,000;

That RPT-0514-24 Powerline Road Slope Failure Emergency Repair be received as information.

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 2 - Effective Communication

Strategic Priority 4 - Reliable Infrastructure

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

The repairs completed always kept the road open and/or the temporary access available.

Environmental Impacts

N/A

Economic Impacts

The costs of completing this work will be dealt with as part of the 2024 Budget. This report is required under Section 7.7 of the County Purchasing Policy for an Emergency Purchase.

Report

Background

The following is an excerpt from the County Purchasing Policy:

7.7 Direct (Emergency) Purchase

The Direct (Emergency) Purchase Process is a procurement process that may be used when the purchase of any goods and/or services is deemed an emergency, and when the General Manager of the operating department authorizes the procurement process outlined in this by-law be suspended. This process is undertaken at the sole discretion of the General Manager of the operating department who will provide written justification to the General Manager of Corporate Services, indicating why the prescribed procurement process was not followed. The General Manager of Corporate Services shall prepare an information report to the appropriate Standing Committee detailing any Direct (Emergency) Purchase in excess of \$100,000.

On or about August 20, 2024, County roads operators discovered the start of a slope failure on Powerline Road, east of Pottruff Rd. Attachment 1 is a map showing the area. Attachment 2 is a picture of the initial failure. Powerline Road in this area is a dead-end road with four (4) residents needing access.

The General Manager (GM) of Corporate Services was contacted, and permission was granted to use Section 7.7 of the Purchasing Policy to undertake the work. Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) was contacted and did not require a permit. Losani Homes owned the adjacent lands by the slope failure and allowed the County access their property to complete the project.

County roads staff constructed a very low-cost temporary road across the adjacent property owned by Losani Homes. Access to all properties was always available.

The work to repair the road slope was substantially completed by September 23, 2024, and the guard rail was completed on November 15, 2024. Attachment 3 shows the completed project.

The following staff/contractors assisted with the project:

- County of Brant Roads staff
- Grandbridge Energy (moved electrical wires)
- Englobe (geotechnical)
- Allans Excavating (civil work)
- GIP (pavement repair)
- Imperial Fence (guard rail)

The total cost is approximately \$275,000.

County staff would like to thank all the parties that assisted to turn this project around quickly.

Attachments

1. Map showing location of repair
2. Picture of the Slope Failure
3. Picture of the completed repair

Reviewed By

H. Boyd, General Manager of Corporate Services

Copied To

L.L. Rouse, Purchaser

By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No