

Report to Municipal Council



Meeting Date: November 20, 2024	Report Date: November 15, 2024
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: Transportation/ Public Works	Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Report Title: Municipal Road Maintenance Private Turn Basin (Shank Road)

Recommended Resolution:

That Council direct staff to construct an appropriate turn basin on Shank Road, as per Option A, B, C or D of this report and enter into an agreement with the private property owner for the utilization of the current turn around location for the 2024 - 2025 winter operations season.

Analysis & Background:

For over 20+ years, Shank Road has received municipal winter maintenance services, including snow plowing, sanding, and snowbank pushbacks. To deliver these services, municipal staff have been required to operate their vehicles and equipment beyond the end of the roadway, where they have had to turn around on private property as there has never been a designated municipal turn-around area. This situation is similar to that of many other roads within the municipal road network. This specific turn around has been identified as a priority as the property owner has requested an alternative to the current location.

To address safety and legal concerns, the Municipality should create a standard turn basin on municipally owned property.

Options:

- A) The turn basin be constructed at the bottom of the hill (end of municipal roadway), this would entail the Municipality working with the property owner to transfer allowance for the expansion of the basin, the Municipality would then construct the basin and complete a road survey at the Municipality's expense.



- B) Construct the turn basin beyond the first driveway entrance on the hill of the private portion of roadway, the Municipality would then be required to enter into agreement with the property owner to share the cost of the development of the turn basin, the property owner would be responsible for a survey and transfer of land as they would be receiving a direct benefit from the Municipality.
- C) Similar to Option B, however the area has already started to be constructed by the property owner to accommodate winter operations. The area is not yet suitable as more clearing, levelling and capping with granular materials is required. Should Council consider this location the turn basin construction would need to be completed at a shared cost and the property owner would be responsible to have a survey and transfer of land to the Municipality completed.
- D) The last option is to continue to turn around directly in front of the property owners' home. This is not a suitable location as it is substandard to the Ontario Provincial Design Standard, provides a direct benefit (increased level of service) to the property owner and is on private property.

Should this option be continued, it is recommended that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the property owner to indemnify the Municipality from any damage or personal injury claims that may result from maintenance operations.

Financial Considerations:

The approximate cost for the development of a standard rural road turn basin is \$15,000.00.

Attachments:

- OPSD – Turn Basins for Terminated Rural Roads
- Shank Road Turn Basin Proposed Locations

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