

Questions & Answers

Street Paving Project

April 30, 2024

1. Why aren't the streets getting paved wider?

We are focused on paving the driving lanes of the roads. The costs to pave wider to have paved portions for parked do not seem reasonable for us. We are trying to complete this project without impacting tax payers anymore than we have to. The cost to go 1 meter wider is about \$10,000 per block.

2. Why is Tupper Street not being paved?

We have deemed Tupper Street as one of the least traveled streets in town. It does not directly service any businesses or is it needed to access any businesses or amenities in town. All houses will have paved frontage on the avenues. The reclaim will be oiled if dust is an issue.

3. What is being done with the swampy areas?

There are 3 different paving processes taking place. The first is reclaim, shape and pave This is for the areas that have a solid base. The other two consist of excavation and new fill with a geo textile placed to solidify the sub base. Some areas will be excavated 12" and some up to 24", depending on the conditions found during excavation.

4. Who is engineering the roads?

This project was tendered as a "design build" project. The general contractor is responsible for the civil engineering of the roads and base work.

5. Is there 3rd party testing?

The general contractor does in house testing on all their materials and their work. They are 100% to showing the town these results. However, the town will hire a 3rd party to do random spot checks and sampling to ensure the contractor is following proper guidelines and design.

6. Why are we paving roads over top of all the old infrastructure?

The infrastructure is not in bad shape. In the last 15 years there have only been 2 water main breaks. All the breaks are normally service lines, or the service line connection to the main. In the last 20 years, over half the town has had these lines replaced and after the burst of breaks from the RO water they have slowed down.

7. What is the life expectancy?

With proper maintenance the streets will last up to 25 years. We felt the funding and loan was necessary to be paid off in 15 years, well before the streets fail again.

8. How do I get my driveway or approach paved?

Driveways and approaches will not be paved by the Town. If you want your driveway or approach paved, contact the Town Office and a list will be created. Once the Town can provide the list to the contractor you will be provided with a price.

9. What will be done about speeding in town?

We understand this may already be a concern in town and with paved roads it will only get worse. We are working on a few solutions to help slow traffic down and provide safer roads.