

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
REPORT**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Director of Public Works
DATE: July 7th, 2009
SUBJECT: Proposed Roadside Brushing 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

ORIGIN:

Request from Council.

BACKGROUND:

The Township of Lake of Bays roadside brushing and tree removal policy dated February 11th, 2003, requires a report be submitted to Council each year listing the roads to be brushed and the methods used. (See attached list).

The proposed 2009 roadside brushing list has been reviewed by the public works supervisor and myself to determine the most economical method.

The Township policy with regards to the funding level required to achieve compliance with the ten-year plan is \$45,000.00 per year. The proposed 2009 budget amount for this activity is \$27,400.00 to meet budget guidelines. The program was under-funded in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

A reduction in brushing activity costs was achieved by using a down-sized machine that did not require a traffic control person, this machine is equipped to cut along the roadside while driving, creating a much more efficient operation. Unfortunately this machine is not equipped to deal with very large trees or taller brush therefore some manual labour is required. The use of this smaller machine in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 reduced the number of complaints regarding the brushing activities.

Councilor's should be aware that they might receive complaints as this activity is in operation in the early summer or late fall. Brushing is necessary to keep the roads in good repair and prepare them for access by machinery to complete other public works activities, such as gravel replacement and surface treatment etc. This policy applies to municipal roads only; District of Muskoka roads are not part of this policy and any complaints about the brushing activities on District roads should be directed to District staff.

Ten year roadside mowing & brushing forecast.

Cost based on one pass km. per day @ \$100.00 per hour

Based on \$20,000. budget per year = 200 hours x .02 km per hour = 40 km per year

Brushing Forecast 2009

Road Name	Section #	Length	Machine or Chainsaw	Other Information
Shoe Lake Rd	303021	1.7 km	Machine	
McLennan Drive	304021	0.3 km	Machine	
McLennan Drive	304151	0.3 km	Machine	
McLennan Drive	304251	0.2 km	Machine	
Narrows Road	310021	1.3 km	Machine	
Narrows Road	311022	0.4 km	Machine	
Bayview Avenue	311122	0.9 km	Machine	Summer Road
Long Line Lake Road	313021	0.7 km	Machine	
South Long Line Lake Road	313121	0.3 km	Machine	
Scotts Boathouse Road	314021	0.4 km	Machine	
Bigwin View Lane	34122	0.8 km	Chainsaw	Summer Road
Glenmount Road	316021	1.6 km	Machine	Check R.O.W
Glenmount Road	317022	0.5 km	Machine	Summer Road
Norway Point Road	318021	0.3 km	Machine	Narrow Road
East Grandview Road	319021	1.3 km	Machine	
Browns Brae Road	320021	2.5 km	Machine	
Browns Brae Road	326021	1.7 km	Machine	
Fairy Falls Road	420021	1.8 km	Machine	
Fairy Falls Road	420121	1.4 km	Machine	
Old Highway # 117	207221	5.2 km	Machine	
Carl Fisher Drive	207221	0.8 km	Machine	

Submitted by,



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Reviewed for Submission,



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