

**ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
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**CAPITAL:**

1. Last month I reported that the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund projects (Phase II) were moving towards tender calls and that construction was still expected to commence in April. Wonham Street North Phase II (Oxford Ave.) tender call will close April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30 a. m. Clark Road East Reconstruction tender call is scheduled to be out April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and King Street West Reconstruction will see a June tender call.

A Public Information Centre will be held for Phase II Wonham Street North (Oxford Ave) on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. There will be two PICs for the King Street West project, one is expected the first part of May and the second will take place after the tender has been awarded. Residents on Clark Road East will be notified through a notice which will include sketches of the work in the area of their property and will be afforded the opportunity to come to the office to discuss any concerns they might have.

Union Gas is working on replacing their plant in advance of the Wonham Street North Phase II (Oxford Ave.) project.

Several design issues continue to slow the Clark Road East project, thus moving the closing date for tenders back to May instead of the original early April closing.

2. Once again the Accessible Pedestrian Signals have generated interest from the community at large. I have been assured that the permanent APSs will be installed in May. We continue to work through problems with CRU.
3. The Laurel Crescent Major Rehabilitation Project was tendered and closed on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 with the contract being awarded to McCann Paving of Stratford. Work is expected to commence in May on this project. The work is being funded through Federal Gas Tax Funding.
4. Tenders closed for the closing of McKeand Street at the C. N. R. on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 with the low tender being submitted by Ingerwood Construction Ltd. Of Woodstock. We are currently reviewing the tender and expect to award it shortly.
5. R. J. Burnside and Associates continue to work on the design for the replacement of the North Town Line East Culvert at Henderson Creek.

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. A revised request has been made to Infrastructure Ontario through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative program to allow the Town to re-assign some of the funds from the Thames Street Bridge Replacement to other structure replacement projects included in this year's Capital Budget. It is hoped that word on the request will be received before the next budget meeting.
2. Staff continues to provide storm sewer locates for various utilities.

3. Review of various development proposals.
4. Municipal Consents for Union Gas, Bell Canada, Rogers and Erie Thames Powerlines are continuing despite the push for completion of our project design.
5. A great deal of time has been spent preparing documentation, etc. as it pertains to several legal issues.
6. Staff continues to update data which will allow us to move towards the 2008 and 2009 PSAB audit completion. Brenda Harris is being very diligent in inputting the proper data. Once the audits are completed and we receive notification from the auditors that we are PSAB compliant for 2008 and 2009 Brenda will then move to updating our Asset Management files. When the Asset Management data has been updated the next step is to populate the GIS with all the information, a huge task. Keep up the good work Brenda.
7. We continue to prepare standards of repair roads, sidewalks, boulevards which will be used by Utilities, Developers, Contractor's who work for the Town and Public Works. The timing of their presentation to Council remains flexible as staff continues their push on our capital projects.
8. I attended meetings involving the following:
  - Development Committee
  - Developers regarding Site Plans and Subdivisions
  - Ontario Southland Railway
  - County Staff
  - Traffic Consultant
  - By-Law Committee
  - Utility Co-ordinating Committee
  - Budget.
9. Staff will be attending a webinar on the Amended Minimum Maintenance Standards.

Respectfully submitted,

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