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Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Works Activity Report - April 2026

Recommendation

For your information purposes.

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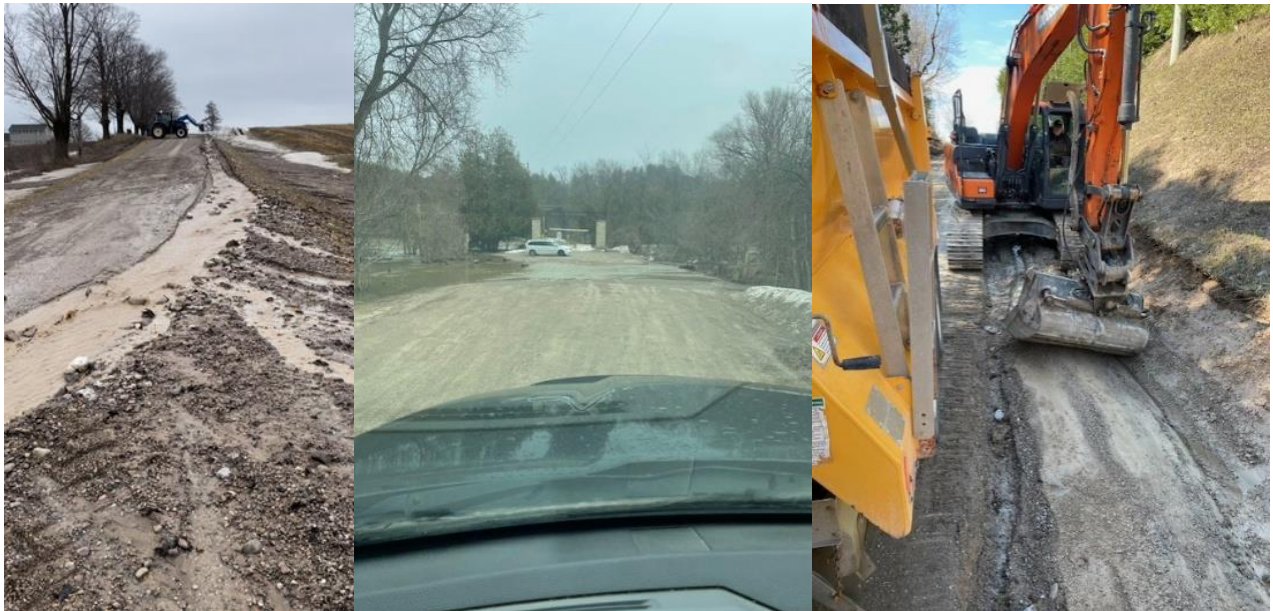
Roads Administration:

- Attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference, visited the Trade Show and saw presentations on: Road Salt Usage, The Politics of Road Safety, Harmonizing of Road Construction Standards, Ontario Phragmites Action Plan, and the AORS Annual General Meeting.
- Drove all Lakeshore Roads with Waste Management to determine method of pickup after transitioning to Wheeled Carts.
- Attended Site Meeting at Ashfield Park with engineer to develop tender for the installation of stairs at the beach.
- Landscaping completed around new Benmiller playground and hazardous trees were removed.



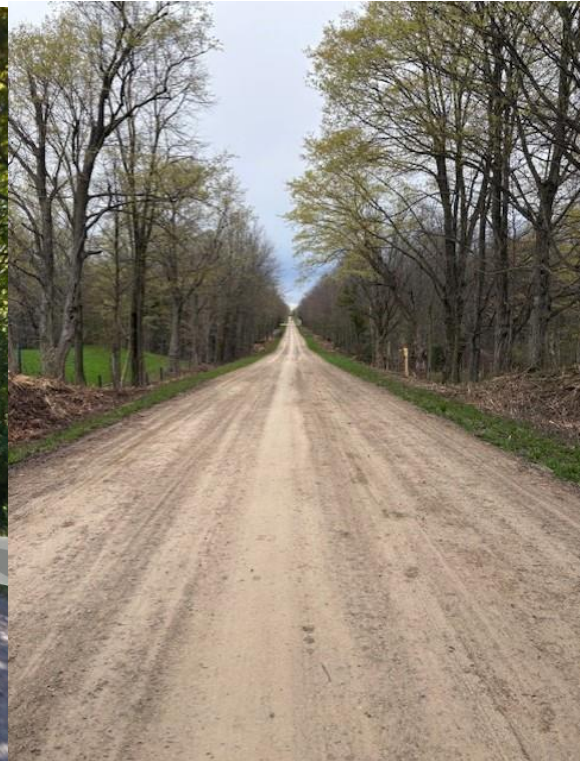
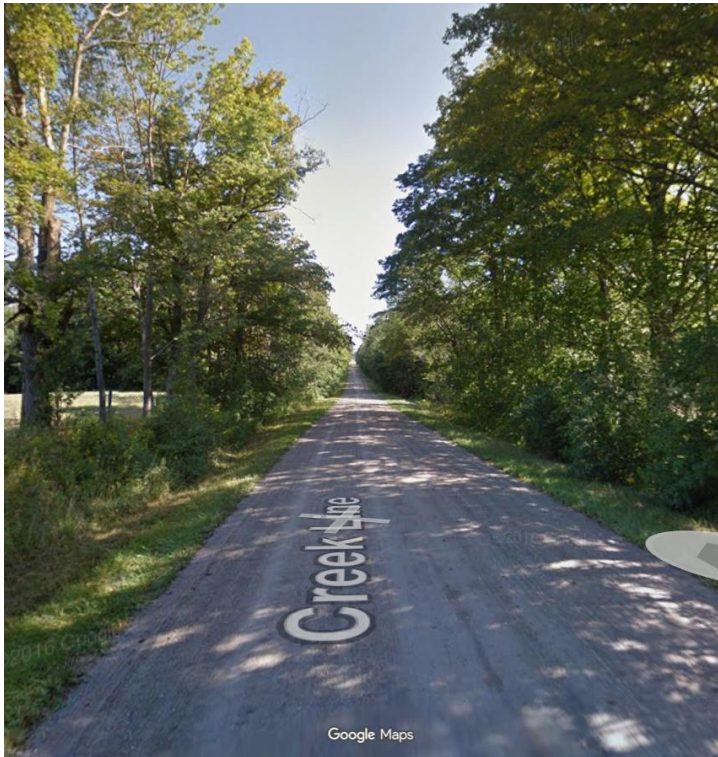
Roads Maintenance:

- Removed brush from Inglis Pit and St. Augustine Pit as required by the Ministry of Natural Resources following their visit last fall.
- Major spring washouts repaired at: Ashfield Park Road, Mackenzie Camp Road, Melbourne Street, Lanesville Line (needed an extended closure to repair), Little Lakes turnaround, School Road, Bissett's Hill, and Division Line.
- Major erosion issues encountered at: Division Line Bridge, Cransford Bridge (where a drain was added to the bridge deck), and Birch Beach Bridge.
- Ditching various locations at Lanesville Line and Division Line.
- Swept intersections at various locations.
- Mulched roadside brush all of Creek Line and Harper Line. Also mulched portions of St. Augustine Line, Nile Road, Pinery Line, and Gore Road.
- Spring Grading is underway in preparation for fresh gravel and dust control.



Gravel Road Upgrades:

- Staff have had a rubber-tired excavator brush many of the problem areas beginning last fall and this spring to positive results. (before bottom left, after bottom right)
- The areas on Creek Line that received extra gravel last year have seen an improvement in surface quality this spring. Staff will proceed with adding additional gravel as outlined in the 2026 budget.
- A cross culvert on Creek Line was damaged during the installation of the drainage tile and water is being held on the west side of the road. Staff will replace the culvert and monitor the situation.



Water Department:

- A chlorine leak at the Huron Sands Pumpouse was repaired and a precautionary boil water advisory was issued.
- Spring flushing beginning all locations to be completed by Mid-May.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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Thomas McCarthy
Public Works Superintendent

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Mark Becker
Chief Administrative Officer