

Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, February 20, 2020				Report Date	Thursday, February 13, 2020			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #20/02/20/1105- Grading Tender Documents									

SUBJECT: Grading Tender Documents

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council review the grading tender documents and provide further direction to staff on future grading procedures.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The previous grading contract expired fall 2019, and is eligible for tender in the spring of 2020. The grading tender document was presented to the Public Works Advisory Committee on February 11th, 2020 for review and comment.

Discussion included:

- Changing the process in which grading occurs in HCM including having one full grade in the spring to ensure roads are favourable for calcium application, with "spot" grading throughout the rest of the summer on an "as needed" basis in efforts to reduce overall grading costs.
- Contacting Laurentian Hills to see if they would provide grading services on an as needed basis once the full grade was completed in the spring.
- The Public Works Advisory Committee is proposing, if Council approves, that the committee updates the list of municipal roads with current seasonal vs. permanent residency and the frequency of their maintenance.
- Adding end points of grading to each road, similar to the plowing contract.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/BUDGET IMPACT:

If the grading process is changed, it will impact budget; there is a potential for reduction in costs if two full grades are not completed.

OTHERS CONSULTED:

Public Works Advisory Committee

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,
Clerk-Treasurer