

# Proposal for East Ferris Council: Moving Towards Fairness for One Mile Road

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# Support for this Request

The current residents of One Mile Road in Corbeil have indicated their support for this request, with the emails that accompany the submission of this presentation to the Town Clerk.

## Towards Fairness - Why Now?

- Over the last 75 years, we have shifted from a cottage road to a road for permanent residents.
- About 5 years ago, East Ferris township assumed ownership of One Mile Road.
- In April 2019 we did our first presentation to council requesting equal services for equal taxation.
- Council chose to delay responding until the planned subdivision proposal was resolved.

# Towards Fairness - Why Now?

Subsequent events:

- LPAT has now delayed the subdivision appeal hearing.
- Four residents wish to move ahead with a land purchase that is affected by final road boundaries.
- We are respectfully requesting that council address our request for 'equal services for equal taxation' request now, which will allow the land transactions to proceed *and* because the subdivision appeal does not affect the decision nor ability of the township from moving towards fairness, by beginning to deliver equal services to the residents of One Mile Road.

# Ongoing Issues for the Municipality

- Accident liability?
- Fire services access
- Ambulance services access
- Hydro service access
- Police service access
- Garbage mess at Macpherson Drive
- Responsibility for North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority directives is unclear – is it the road owners or the residents?

# Our Concerns

- Approx. \$60+k/year in taxes being paid ----- for a long time too!
- Our ability to receive emergency services (ambulance, fire, police, etc.) is potentially compromised currently.
- We have become aware of a potential liability associated with maintaining a municipally-owned road. For now, this prevents us from maintaining the road.
- We have invested significant sums in the road (i.e. original and 'new' (1975) road construction + 75? years of maintenance) in addition to paying full taxes to the Township.
- Question of fairness – the amount/level of service to us vs. other township taxpayers is materially different. All we are asking for is equal services for equal taxation.

# Proposals for a Way Forward – Option A

We would like to propose that council agrees to one of the following broad alternatives:

## **Option A :**

Embark on a full upgrade of One Mile Road to municipal standards and commit to provide equal services to One Mile Road residents as of September 15, 2020 and complete the design work so that the potential lot purchases can proceed by September 15, 2020. This would help assure the residents that they are on the way to receiving equal services for equal taxation.

# Proposals for a Way Forward – Option B

## **Option B :**

Confirm the existing road boundaries in front of the row of homes located between 184 and 222 One Mile Road by Sept. 15, 2020, revise the hill located between 244 and 264 One Mile Road to meet municipal standards by September 2022 and revise the curve located adjacent to 184 One Mile Road to meet municipal standards by September 2024 and begin delivering “Alternate Services” by September 15, 2020- these would include:

- Annual maintenance of the road (grading, ditching, culverts, responsibility to North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, etc.)
- Annual snowplowing
- Regular end-of-driveway garbage/recycling pickup
- ❖ Mail and school bus services would remain at the intersection of One Mile Road and Macpherson Drive

# Proposed Motion Options

Our ask is that council will approve one of the two following motions;

## **Option A – Full Municipal Standard Upgrading**

Move that the township plan upgrading and maintaining all of One Mile Road to municipal standards all so that final road boundaries will be established by September 15, 2020 and provision of full township services to begin no later than September 15, 2020 ,

**OR,**

# Proposed Motion Options

## Option B- Alternate Services

Move that the township confirm the existing road boundaries in front of the row of homes located between 184 and 222 One Mile Road by September 15, 2020, revise the hill located between 244 and 264 One Mile Road to meet municipal standards by September 2022 and revise the curve located adjacent to 184 One Mile Road to meet municipal standards by September 2024 and begin delivering “Alternate Services” by September 15, 2020- these would include: road maintenance of the existing road– grading, snowplowing, ditch and culvert maintenance as of September 15, 2020 and the provision of weekly garbage and bi-weekly recycling services through the use of alternate non-standard vehicles for residents of One Mile Road to begin no later than September 15, 2020.

Thank you for your time