

Mitchell Road to get facelift

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Mitchell Road is about to be "scarified". The hardtop surface will be removed and the surface worked up to take a gravel surface later this fall. Cramahe Township Roads Committee had received a request the road remain a hardtop surface. Earl Harren and delegates presented a petition signed by ratepayers living on the 9th and 10th Concession also asking for brushing work to be done along Mitchell Road west and Campbell Road north, chips the roads and have supervised grading.

However, at the September 16 meeting of the Roads committee, the delegation was informed the concerns would be evaluated and considered for 1999 budget deliberations.

Cramahe Township council earlier this year approved the "scarifying" of the road.

"The road is full of too many potholes to just keep matching," Road Superintendent Michele Hendry observed.

Councillor Ernie Stoneman said the section of the road was originally "paved" after the township put a new well in for a private property owners. Heavy county gravel truck use to an extraction operation at that time resulted in the move.

The base installed for Mitchell Road at that time "was not adequate" to maintain a paved surface, Ms. Hendry noted.

Asked by Councillor Jennifer Scott-Tinney if the road could be considered for paving or hard surfacing next year, Ms. Hendry said the 11 cars reported by Mr. Harren do not constitute sufficient traffic to bump other roads, such as Elgin and Durham, from the priority schedule.

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Parking on the east side of Percy Street in Castleton during Sunday worship is creating a safety concern, Councillor Ernie Stoneman reported to the September 16

Roads Committee.

The committee recommended a letter be forwarded to the United Church minister requesting he announce at service that parking is restricted to the west side of Percy Street. It is illegal to park on the east side. The committee further recommended that an illegal parking notice be prepared and the bylaw officer, when out on inspections, place a notice on the windshield of any vehicle parked on the east side of Percy Street in Castleton.

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The township Roads committee recommended the lowest of three tenders for winter sand be accepted. On Monday night, the council approved the \$22,662.60 (GST included) tender of Doughty Aggregates Ltd. for the supply of winter sand.

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A new Cramahe Township Public Works employee, Wayne Chapman, started his employment September 14.

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A 600-gallon herbicide sprayer no longer necessary to Cramahe Township Public Works, has been sold to Jim Blakely. He submitted a tender for \$175.

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The township Public Works Department has purchased a used one-way plow for the grader for \$3,000. The department is currently obtaining quotes for a new pressure washer at an upset cost of \$3,000.

"The previous one has lasted eight years," Road Superintendent Michele Hendry reported. "It has served us well." A new hot-water pressure washer would be anywhere from \$9,000 up. She recommends the township stay with the cold-water apparatus.

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The next Cramahe Township Roads Committee meeting will be held 4 p.m. October 14.

— MANDY MARTIN