



# COUNCIL REPORT

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**Meeting date:** December 2, 2019  
**Department:** Legal and Legislative Services  
**Prepared by:** Fred Tranquilli, Director of Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Request to Close Cook's Road

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT:** Municipal Council accepts the recommendation of the Strathroy Caradoc Traffic Committee and;

**THAT:** Dan Berdan be advised that the request to close Cook's Road has been considered by the Strathroy Caradoc Traffic Committee and that the Committee declines to recommend closure of Cook's Road.

## BACKGROUND

On August 19, 2018, the Municipality received correspondence from Dan Berdan requesting the Municipality close Cook's Road in the area of Mr. Berdan's property at 21257 Cook's Road. The Municipal Council referred the matter to the newly formed Strathroy-Caradoc Traffic Committee.

To assist with reviewing traffic related matters, the Strathroy-Caradoc Traffic Committee was formed in mid summer 2018. The primary members include Public Works, Police, Fire and County Engineering. Additional resources may be brought in as needed. The committee had its first meeting November 8, 2018 and the Cooks Road item was one of more than 20 traffic reviews started.

At the meeting of June 4, 2019 the details of Cook's Road were discussed.

- The decision was that the road should remain open and to maintain the road in its current location
- There are no major imminent slope stability concerns for this area.
- Upon the future need of improvements for the road, consideration may be given to slope stability improvements and/or minor road realignment that may or may not require additional lands



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The roadway is not a primary or key transportation link, however, from an emergency services perspective it does provide improved community safety with the road remaining open.

The committee met again on Sept 25, 2019 and the Cooks Road report herein was recommended for Council.

### **CONSULTATION**

Legal and Legislative Services, Acting CAO, Strathroy-Caradoc Traffic Committee

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Correspondence from Mr. Berdan

August 19, 2018

The Corporation of the Municipality  
of Strathroy-Caradoc  
52 Frank Street,  
Strathroy ON

Dear, Clerk

My name is Dan Berdan. I would like to Petition Staff and Committee of Strathroy- Caradoc Twsp .to have Cooks Rd, Between Relly Rd. and Whitman Rd. closed. I now own 21257 Cooks Rd. both sides of the section of Rd. that I am requesting closed. Between the erosion problems and the thousands of dollars it has already cost and how much it will cost in the future. If someone were to drive off that trail there are no barriers, there has already been a death on Cooks Rd. last year where a tractor and his load went off the road, when met with another vehicle, Liability for Strathroy- Caradoc, and I could be astronomical. \*\*\* A Copy of this Correspondence has been sent to The Honorable Monte McNaughton Ministry of Infrastructure.

My Mailing Address: Dan Berdan, Po.Box 2004, Mt. Brydges, On. NOL 1W0

Sincerley,

Dan Berdan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Berdan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.