

# Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

## Operations

## Roads, Parks & Facilities



**To:** Mayor & Members of Council

**From:** Jeff Wilson, Division Leader of Roads, Parks & Facilities

**Date:** December 3, 2021

**Subject:** Half Load Designation for Class B Roads

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### Recommendation

Direct Administration to prepare an amendment to By-Law 2-2002 being a By-law to Regulate Traffic on Highways under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Lakeshore, to include year round load restrictions on Municipal Class B Roads pursuant to section 122 of the *Highway Traffic Act* from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year; and

Approve the cost of \$38,000.00 (including applicable HST) to purchase and install signage, as required, as described in the report presented at the January 18, 2022 Council meeting.

### Background

In 2008, Council approved an amendment to By-Law 2-2002 adding Schedule K, introducing load restrictions on Class B roads. This amendment only included load restrictions on North Rear Road (from County Road 25 to County Road 19) all year.

In 2010, Council approved an amendment to Schedule K (to By-Law 2-2002) to further include load restrictions on North Talbot Road (from County Road 23 to County Road 19) all year.

Previous practice by the former Municipalities, prior to amalgamation, was to post weight (load) restrictions signage only during half-load season (in the spring of each year between March 1 and May 31). This practice would involve temporarily posting 334 signs throughout the Municipality and would only protect Class B roads for 3 months out of the year.

### Comments

Under subsection 122(7) of the *Highway Traffic Act* the following is stated:

A Municipality or other Authority having jurisdiction over a highway may by by-law designate the date on which a reduced load period shall start or end

and the highway or portion thereof under its jurisdiction to which the designation applies.

The Municipality is able to designate specific road sections that are deemed susceptible to damage as Class B roads and restrict truck traffic on these roadways at all times of the year.

Administration is purposing a further amendment to the by-law to regulate year-round to further protect Municipal Class B roads against damage created by trucks caused from nearby road closures and rerouting of traffic.

Attached is the amendment to By-Law 2-2002 for Council approval.

Designation of these roads under this By-law will help mitigate damage through the ability to enforcement the restrictions.

If the by-law amendment proceeds, Municipality will put out a media release advising of the load restrictions under this By-Law in advance of the sign placements.

### **Financial Impacts**

The cost to supply and install 334 signs, as approved, will be \$38,000.00 (including applicable HST). This cost includes signs, posts, and hardware along with the cost of a contractor for hydro excavation services. This will be funded from the Roads Reserve.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Schedule 'K' Class B Roads.

Attachment 2 - Class B Roads Map, Half Load Designation.

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Half Load Designation for Class B Roads (3).docx
Attachments:	- Schedule K Class B Roads.xls - Class B Roads Map Half Load Designation.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jan 14, 2022

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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