

SOUTH STEENBURG LAKE ROAD DISCUSSION

Review of past events:

- road has always been plowed and access has always been considered a given right
- the letter from Limerick Township seemed very aggressive in its content, targeted only some ratepayers
- SCLA agreed to take on the task of determining why this course of action was being taken by the township

Facts

- the south road is considered a class 6.2, which is defined as a gravel road, not maintained
- a review of other roads in the township of the same class was undertaken to compare population and the tax \$ of the residents on each of the roads; this was pulled from MPAC data
- class 6.1, gravel roads with maintenance were also compared and it was determined that we need to find out why they were classed such a way, to receive this maintenance.
- the data was intended to try to instigate a conversation between both townships; one meeting was held but was not a meeting allowing input.
- on the South Rd, there are 24 Limerick ratepayers; only one is classed as permanent.
- 1.7km of Limerick township land exists between two portions of Tudor/Cashel road
- 80 Tudor ratepayers reside on both portions of the road
- Tudor residents represent 15% of their total tax income

Current Issues

- the townships have now agreed after a closed door meeting, that South Steenburg Lake road is a boundary road
- many township discussions were held in closed quarters and not documented
- SCLA is now part of this discussion; and we have a petition being circulated to show ratepayers are behind this issue.
- Limerick will need to look at the roads and properties across the township; reviewing deeds to start resolving old, no longer recognizable trails that are on their current list
- if the township is not going to work towards resolving the road issues, SCLA will need to elevate the issues to a higher municipal authority
- connection to FOCA has assisted us with information on how to deal with road issues
- Councilor Bonnie Weiss became an early support however she is also the person who put forward the motion at council to reclassify Robinson Road immediately
- Robinson was a split road with minimum maintenance standard

Next Steps

- should we consider adding the Tudor information/data in a report, it may not be needed yet
- Tudor/Cashel accepted the maintenance of the first 400m of South Steenburg Lake Road; this puts the issue clearly on the doorstep of Limerick Township
- we need to be careful of the information being given out as some of it has not been true
- it was the township that let the road deteriorate in the first place however they expect the ratepayers to cover the work at their own expense
- they are redirecting funding to bylaw enforcement and building inspections which leads to increase assessments and more tax \$s in their accounts
- Limerick Township has chosen to ignore our issues instead of dealing with them in an above board manner
- all attending were in agreement for Anthony to continue his research and fight at the township level, and would agree to sign the petition