



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2024-06-27

Subject: Horse Drawn Vehicle Signage Policy

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services re: Horse Drawn Vehicle Signage Policy; And

That West Elgin Council approves the Horse Drawn Vehicle Signage Policy as presented.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to establish guidelines on where horse drawn vehicle signage is warranted and location criteria for said signage if required.

Background:

Staff and Council have been approached by West Elgin residents, expressing their concerns regarding the recent use of horse-drawn vehicles on some municipal roads. With new families in the community who use this mode of transportation, neighbours feel that some form of signage to warn motorists of the possible encounter with a horse-drawn vehicle would be beneficial.

After contacting other municipalities who use horse drawn vehicle signage, it was determined there were no formal policies in place for their usage. Generally, a request would be submitted to the municipality, and signs would be installed by the public works department, at the discretion of the roads manager. The draft policy attached to this report utilizes these same principles, but also includes information from the Ontario Traffic Manual, which provides justification for requirement and placement.

The draft policy has been sent to Elgin County's legal staff for a final review based on input from the Municipality's insurance provider, but no changes are expected. If West Elgin Council has no concerns with the draft policy regarding horse drawn vehicle signage, it can be implemented as soon as the legal review has been completed.

Financial Implications:

As stated in the initial report dated March 28, 2024, staff have estimated the cost at \$350.00 per location for materials plus installation, which would be allocated to road safety accounts within the public works budget. Ongoing maintenance costs, including repair and replacement, will be included in subsequent municipal budgets.

Policies/Legislation:

Draft – Horse Drawn Vehicle Sign Policy (attached)

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Horse Drawn Vehicle Signage Policy - 2024-19-Operations Community Services.docx
Attachments:	- Draft - Horse Drawn Vehicle sign policy.docx
Final Approval Date:	Jun 25, 2024

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

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