



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services  
**Date:** 2025-03-27  
**Subject:** 2025 Maintenance Gravel

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Infrastructure and Development; re: 2025 Maintenance Gravel; and

That West Elgin Council authorizes an extension of the 2024 maintenance gravel contract with Johnston Bros. Ltd. (at the 2024 price) to cover the 2025 season.

### **Purpose:**

To provide Council with an option for supply of West Elgin's 2025 maintenance gravel.

### **Background:**

Each year, West Elgin puts out a tender for the supply/haul of maintenance gravel to be used on the municipal road network. The quantity of gravel has ranged between 15,000 – 20,000 tonnes in recent years and is based on lane kms to be spread, as well as capital project requirements. Johnston Bros. Ltd, a local aggregate supplier with pits on Johnston Line in West Elgin, have been the successful bidder of this tender for many years.

Johnston Bros. Ltd have offered to extend last year's gravel price to West Elgin for the 2025 season. Due to fuel costs and tightening supply, all five previous years have seen increases amounting to \$7.66 /tonne. This offer would provide West Elgin with a 0% increase for 2025 by allowing Johnston Bros. to lock in local work early.

### **Financial Implications:**

Maintenance gravel is the single largest expenditure public works will make during the fiscal year. West Elgin received one response to the 2024 tender which came in at \$338,700.00 based on 15,000 tonnes at a price of \$22.58/tonne. The previous 5 years have shown that yearly price increases should be expected, with increases ranging between \$1.00 - \$2.57 /tonne.

2020 - \$14.92/tonne

2021 - \$17.49/tonne

2022 - \$19.95/tonne

2023 - \$21.58/tonne

2024 - \$22.58/tonne

The supplied quantity and pricing would still be subject to final approval in the 2019 budget process. If Council chooses not to authorize the extension, operations staff will prepare the maintenance gravel tender for circulation in the coming weeks.

**Policies/Legislation:**

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

<b>Infrastructure Improvement</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>
<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 type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Gosnell  
 Manager of Infrastructure and Development

## Report Approval Details

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

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