



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Date: 2025-04-24
Subject: Roadside Mower Replacement

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services; And

That West Elgin Council approves the purchase of one (1) new Woods BW 10.61 batwing mower from Kent Farm Supplies in Blenheim, Ontario for the quoted price of \$34,000.00 plus applicable taxes.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to approve replacement of the current Woods mower which is used by the public works department to maintain roadside ROW.

Background:

West Elgin public works currently operates one HD rotary cutter and one disc mower for the maintenance of grass and brush along County/Municipal ROW's. The current Woods HD rotary cutter is 10 years old and scheduled for replacement. This mower has performed well over the years, with minimal maintenance costs and no major repairs required. For these reasons, staff obtained pricing on similar units from local suppliers in preparation for this replacement. The following three options were investigated.

Kent Farm Supply – used Woods BW10 mower (2020 model year)	\$16900.00
Kent Farm Supply – new Woods BW10.61 mower (in stock)	\$34000.00
Delta Power Equipment – new Woods BW 10.52 mower (w/ tariff charge)	\$39000.00

While not the least expensive option, staff are recommending the purchase of the new Woods mower currently in stock at Kent Farm Supply in Blenheim. Given an estimated service life of ten seasons, the used mower would be scheduled for replacement again in five years at higher costs. Additionally, purchasing new provides manufacturer's warranty which can save the municipality money should issues arise once the mower is put into service. The current mower was purchased at Kent Farm Supply in 2015, and parts/service have always been readily available.

Financial Implications:

Funds for the purchase of this mower will come from West Elgin public works equipment reserves. The quoted price does represent an increase over the draft budget amount, due to increasing steel and component costs. However, disposal of the current mower will help offset a portion of this difference.

Policies/Legislation:

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 type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,