



INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Staff Report

REPORT NO:	IS-2026-15
TO:	Committee of the Whole May 4, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Ken VanderWal, Director of Infrastructure Services
PREPARED BY:	David Kleine, Manager of Public Works
REVIEWED BY:	Jeff Willmer, Chief Administrative Officer
DATE:	April 24, 2026
SUBJECT:	Co-operative Purchase – 2026 Annual Surface Treatment Program

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report IS-2026-15 Co-operative Purchase – 2026 Annual Surface Treatment Program be received for information; and,

That Council the approve the Township's participation in the co-operative tender with Blandford-Blenheim for the application of surface treatment by Walker Construction Limited for the 2026 Annual Surface Treatment Program, as per their bid submissions dated April 16, 2026, in the amount of \$369,710.00 plus HST.

THAT Council immediately convenes a Special Council Meeting at the conclusion of this meeting to ratify the Township's participation in the co-operative tender with Blandford-Blenheim and provide delegated authority to the CAO and/or Director of Infrastructure Services to enter into agreement pursuant to the co-operative tender.

SUMMARY:

This report outlines the procurement process and recommends participation in the co-operative contract through Blandford-Blenheim's contract with Walker Construction Limited for the application of surface treatment as part of the Township's Annual Surface Treatment Program.

BACKGROUND:

As per the Procurement By-Law 2021-43, purchasing through co-operatives and/or joint contracts is encouraged when such purchases are in the best interest of the Township. Council approval is required if the Corporation's portion exceeds \$100,000 in value.

The surface treatment program’s primary purpose is to upgrade loose top roads to hard surface roads. The program also considers life-cycle replacement/renewal/repair for existing low class bituminous roads to maintain adequate hard surface.

The 2026 Infrastructure Services Work Program identified the application of surface treatment to the following Township roads:

- Carmel Koch Rd (Sandhills Rd-Notre Dame Dr) – Single Surface Treatment
- Berlett’s Rd (Wilmot-Easthope Rd-Nafziger Rd) – Single Surface Treatment
- Wilmot Easthope Rd (Hutchinson Rd-Line 47) – Single Surface Treatment

Locations are shown in *Attachment 1 – 2026 Surface Treatment*.

REPORT:

Blandford-Blenheim closed their tender for the 2026 surface treatment application through their standard purchase process RFT#2026-08. The low bid contractor for their surface treatment program was Walker Construction for the 2nd year in a row.

The contract will address hard surface sections of road with tar and chip surface treatment and support the ongoing maintenance of low class bituminous (LCB) hard surface assets. The segment of Wilmot Easthope Rd is classified as part of a boundary road shared with the Perth East Township. As such, the associated costs for this section will be equally shared, with both Townships contributing 50% of the total expenses. Based on the tender rates and anticipated work in 2026, the estimated cost for surface treatment to WilmotTownship for the three (3) sections of road mentioned above is \$369,710.00 net of HST rebate.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

Financial Stability

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Project	Amount
Total Budget (2026)	\$ 625,000
Overbudget 2024	(\$123,873.58)
Overbudget 2025	(\$24,776.46)
Available Budget (2026)	\$476,349.96
Current Co-Operative Tender with Blandford-Blenheim	\$369,710
Contingency/Carry-Forward	\$106,639.96

The 2026 budget for this project is \$625,000 due to previous year budget over-runs, the available budget is \$476,350.

Staff reviewed roads requiring works, with a goal to allow for \$50,000-\$70,000 in contingency room as the contract is quantity-based with the potential for estimated quantities to be less than actual when work is being completed.

Staff intend to have some flexibility within the budget to allow for unforeseen additions to the contract if required. Any unspent within the 2026 budget will be utilized within the 2027 program to allow staff to proceed at the scale of works required to meet the roads needs study goals of rehabilitation and repair works on Township roads.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – 2026 Surface Treatment Locations