



REPORT TO: Public Works Committee

SUBJECT: Reduced Load Restrictions on Regional Roadways

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Schedule "Y" of By-law 89-2000, regulating the maximum vehicle weight to five tonnes per axle, as amended by adding or deleting the roadways listing in this report, **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the Regional Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to ensure that the necessary by-law amendment is presented to Council on March 1, 2012.

PURPOSE

- Respond to legislation or mandated reporting requirements

BUSINESS IMPLICATIONS

The costs to introduce the recommended improvements are minimal and will not have an impact on the approved Current budget for these activities.

REPORT

In accordance with Section 122 of the *Highway Traffic Act*, the Region presently regulates the maximum allowable weight transferred to the roadway to five tonnes per axle on certain Regional roadways during the months of March and April and, in some cases, throughout the year.

The main purpose of this restriction is to protect the road system against damage caused by heavy trucks during the spring thaw period (March and April). Prohibitions are occasionally imposed on a year-round basis to protect severely damaged or deteriorated highways until such time as they can be either repaired or reconstructed.

Each year, at this time, Regional staff reviews the Regional roadway system and necessary revisions are identified. Additions or deletions are submitted for Committee approval and the by-law is amended.

The following sections have been rehabilitated and are therefore, recommended for deletion from the load restriction during March and April:


<u>Highway</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Regional Road 83 (Townline Road)	Regional Road 83 (Carlton Street)	Regional Road 83 (Line 4 Road)
Regional Road 83 (Line 4 Road)	Regional Road 83 (Townline Road)	Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road)

There are not any sections of roadway that needed to be added.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Not applicable.

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Appendix I, "Proposed Load Restrictions on Regional Roadways", February 21, 2012

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