

**Township of South Stormont**  
KEY INFORMATION REPORT  
Public Works Operations



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**To:** Council  
**From:** Ross Gellately-Director of Public Works  
**Date of Meeting:** November 10, 2021  
**Subject:** Winter Sidewalk Closure

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**Background:**

By-law 2020-011 introduced in 2020 for the seasonal closure of specified sidewalks. This by-law specifies which sidewalks within the Township will be maintained from November 1 to April 1 of each year. The balance of the sidewalks will be deemed closed during this period.

It is intended that similar methods of operations will be continued for the upcoming 2021-2022 winter season. Some small revisions to the areas being maintained otherwise, the areas maintained will remain the same as the previous winter season.

The newly constructed sidewalk on County Road 18 East of Highway 138 in St. Andrews West will be added to the list of sidewalks maintained by the Township beginning in the 2021-2022 winter season. There are no anticipated additional costs to maintaining this section.

This will be communicated to residents in the Seaway News and on the Township's social media platforms.

**Discussion:**

*Section 16.8(1) of O. Reg. 239/02 Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways* allows for a Municipality to close a highway or part of a highway by by-law.

When closed, the highway or part of a highway is deemed to be in a state of repair, providing a defense for claims against the Township.

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