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Dear Boiler Beach Residents,

This letter is to provide you with an update on projects that the Township is currently working on that will impact Boiler Beach Road.

Storm Drainage

We have identified three areas between Concession 10 and Huronville St. that have road drainage issues. These areas are located in front of #42-45, #78-79 and #92 Boiler Beach Rd. Our plan is to install new storm sewers and outlets to improve the road drainage in these areas.

This project is scheduled to begin after Sept. 1st; however, we don't have an exact start date at this time. This work will involve a full road closure to all traffic at each location while work is underway. Road and lawn restoration work will be completed once the drainage work is complete.

Please note that this project has not been formally awarded by Council at this time. We anticipate this will occur on Aug. 18th.

Concession 12 Hill Paving

The existing pavement on Concession 12 between Boiler Beach Rd to Jeater St. will be removed and replaced with new asphalt this fall. This work is to be completed at the same time as the storm drainage work explained above. This will also require a full road closure while paving work is being completed.

Boiler Beach Rd Parking

On June 16, 2025, the Traffic and Parking By-Law was updated to include several areas along the west side of Boiler Beach Road where on-street parking will no longer be permitted. This is in addition to the existing parking restriction along the east side of the road. Some areas along the west side will still be permitted where a vehicle can pull off the road completely.

The reason for this amendment is to prevent parked vehicles from interfering with traffic, thereby creating a safer environment for all modes of transportation. There will also be increased by-law enforcement to ensure parking restrictions are being adhered to in this area.

It should be noted that this is the first step in improving safety on Boiler Beach Road and we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of this initiative. We are open to making further adjustments in the future based on our observations and comments we receive.

Boiler Beach/Penetangore Row S. Watermain

In 2020, the Township initiated a new watermain project that was intended to replace the existing rear-yard watermain which runs between Boiler Beach Rd and Penentangore Row S from Huronville St. to Saratoga Rd. At that time, the project was expected to be completed in 2021, however, other projects were prioritized since that time, so this project was put on hold.

The Township is considering the watermain replacement project in our 2026 Capital Budget as well as more storm drainage upgrades along this section of Boiler Beach Road. This project will result in the Township providing a new water service to the municipal property line for properties from #18-#30 Boiler Beach Road and the west side of Penetangore Row S. from #2-#38.

It will be the responsibility of the property owner to disconnect from the existing watermain at the rear of their property and connect to the new watermain at the front. The Township will typically leave the existing watermain in service for one year after the new watermain is connected to the system before the existing watermain is decommissioned. We strongly encourage all property owners in this area to contact a local contractor to determine what the scope of work will be for your property.

Active Transportation

While we feel the previously mentioned projects will improve the functionality and safety of Boiler Beach Road, we are also aware that the safety of cyclists and pedestrians has not been fully resolved.

As we have previously stated, unfortunately, there is not enough useable space within the current road allowance to provide a space for modes of active transportation that is separate from motorized vehicles.

Based on this determination, we have decided to look at developing an active transportation network that will connect all our Lakeshore communities with a safe space to walk or cycle. Sections of Boiler Beach Rd and Lake Range Dr are being considered in the study. This will be a long-term plan since we expect the cost of construction will be significant. For this reason, we currently don't have a construction timeline. Our intention is to have a plan endorsed by Council, so we can proceed with construction when funding becomes available.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact the Public Works Department or follow along with the progress of each project on www.haveyoursayhk.ca. We will be posting important information such as start dates, Council award updates and construction drawings.

Best regards,

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