

Request for Decision

Informational Agricultural Equipment Signage

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| Presented To: | Operations Committee |
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Recommendation

That the Operations Committee approve the installation of Informational Agricultural Equipment Signage in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated June 26, 2012.

Finance Implications

If approved, the initial implementation costs would be provided for within the existing Roads Sign budget.

Background

Former Councillor Ron Bradley, on behalf of several local agricultural companies and farmers, has made a request to Councillors Berthiaume, Dupuis and Dutrisac that the City install informational agricultural equipment signage on various rural roads with an agricultural presence.

The signs would provide information to motorists to expect slow moving agricultural farming equipment on these roads making it safer for all users of the roadway.

Staff are investigating what type of policies and information signage other communities have installed on rural roads in several other communities.

If approved by the Operations Committee and Council, it is proposed that our Traffic staff meet with the individual Councillors with agricultural areas within their wards to develop an appropriate policy and to compile a list of roads to be appropriately signed. The recommended policy will be brought back to the Operations Committee for approval.

Warning signs are most effective when they are used sparingly to warn of unexpected conditions on the roadway. In the case of farm tractor warning signs, their use should be on roads with active farms and posted speed limits greater than 50 kilometres/hour.

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It is suggested that the initial installation costs be absorbed within the existing 2012 Roads Sign Budget. The 2013 base operating Sign Budget may have to be increased appropriately.

Staff will be in attendance at the meeting to either provide elaboration on any item contained herein/and or provide additional information.