

Five small road projects explained at open house

By Bill Rea

Class environmental assessments are taking place for five small road projects on deck in the Town of Caledon.

The Town hosted a public open house in Caledon village to explain them last week.

Most of these sites will see work involving slope stabilization and repairing cracked pavement. There are also plans to install guard rails at some of these locations, and replace or extend culverts.

Project Manager Jeff Dunlop, of Candevcon Limited, said the plan, at this time, is to have the projects go out to tender in April or May 2017, with work commencing around May or June.

Information provided at the open house stated the Town has identified five stretches where road condition and slope stability has progressively worsened over the years to the point where regular maintenance is no longer a viable option.

One of the stretches is on Mississauga Road, roughly between Cataract Road and Forks of the Credit Road. The problems identified there include edge cracking in the pavement, slope instability at the sides of the road and guard rails that are either substandard or missing. Dunlop said this stretch of road is about 350 metres. There are no guard rails, except at the south end, and they will be installed where warranted, according to design criteria.

The second location is on The Grange Sideroad, west of Mountainview Road. This consists of about 150 metres, and the concerns here include progressive edge cracking, slope instability and deterioration of a headwall or retaining wall. This stretch of road crosses a tributary of the Humber River. Dunlop said the work will include culvert replacement and lowering, reconstruction of the road, slope stabilization and replacement of the headwall.

The third stretch is along Kennedy Road, south of High Point Sideroad, which Dunlop said consists of about 100 metres. The issues at this site include edge cracking, slope instability and a perched culvert, meaning it's too high for the stream and creates a barrier for fish. The planned work will involve replacing the culvert, road reconstruction, slope stabilization and the installation of guard rails to ensure roadside safety.

The fourth side is about 100 metres on Innis Lake Road, south of Finnerty Sideroad. The concerns at this location include an old timber retaining wall which is failing, an unstable embankment and a channel that's migrating into the road embankment. The plans call for reconstruction of the roadway, slope stabilization, extension of culverts and removal of that retaining wall. Dunlop said the culvert will be replaced and extended slightly.

The fifth stretch of road involves about 100 metres on Finnerty, west of The Gore Road. The concerns at this location include a deteriorating head wall, and unstable embankment and a channel which is flowing against the embankment. The plan is for road reconstruction, slope stabilization, extension of a culvert and removal of the retaining wall.

The Town anticipates there will be no impact on private property from this work, although it might be necessary to have access to some private land. Also, regarding the planned work on Kennedy Road, there have been calls for pavement improvement further south, and those issues have been passed onto the Town. There have also been calls for work on Olde Base Line Road, near the Cheltenham Badlands, and those matters have been referred to Peel Region.