

Town to invest \$1.5 million into various road projects

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Town council unanimously approved the spending of \$1.5 million from the tax funded capital reserves towards road maintenance and rehabilitation throughout the town.

At this past Tuesday's council meeting (April 17) council discussed the ever present issue of road maintenance through the town, determining they need to start work as soon as possible.

Councillor Barb Shaughnessy said she is happy to support the motion as "it was exactly what I was going to do."

She added they need to invest more "knowing that so many of our roads are in a shambles...I know the rural area of Peel is quite let out."

"We need to invest a heck of a lot in our roads and it's not near enough, but it's a start," commented Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson.

Councillor Doug Beffort said they have so many roads that need fixing, but appreciated how no roads were mentioned in the motion, as the money spent won't fix them all.

"Let's take the information that we have gleaned over the last couple of years about which roads are the best and which ones aren't the best and continue to work at them."

Councillor Nick deBoer asked Fuwing Wong, the town's director of corporate services, and chief financial officer, exactly which, if any roads specifically, will be worked on.

Mr. Wong said that although they have a five-year road plan in place, there is a desire to spend the money "on something that is tangible," so they can work on as many projects quickly.

He told members of council he will have to review the information and see which roads are appropriate to work on. "We're looking at a few roads," he said, but they still need "to refine it eternally."

Mr. Wong later told the Citizen that now with council's approval, they will need to find a tender, hopefully by the end of the month, and then begin road projects by the end of May or beginning of June, depending on the weather.