

Town of Sussex
 Press Release - Designated Highways
 Leonard Drive and Eveleigh Street 2019 Upgrade

For immediate release, 9:45 am Tuesday May 14, 2019: Mayor Thorne and MLA Bruce Northrup met at Sussex Town Hall on behalf of Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to announce funding for two designated highways in the Town of Sussex. MLA Northrup and the Town are pleased to announce the 2019 project funding in the amount of \$954,000 in provincial funding for Eveleigh Street and the section of Leonard Drive between Eveleigh Street and Bryant Drive.

Leonard Drive is our principal arterial in this community as it provides a link from Route 1, the four lane highway, and the Smiths Creek area to the regional hospital, schools, business, nursing home and to the industrial business sector. This arterial also provides a link for traffic from Route #121(Main Street) which serves Sussex Corner, Poley Mountain and beyond, as well as the traffic from downtown Sussex.

The Town’s traffic studies have indicated that the average daily traffic count on Leonard Drive from Eveleigh Street to Bryant Drive exceeds 9,900 vehicles daily. These important arterial highways are home to the Sussex Health Centre as well as Sussex Regional High School and Sussex Middle School are the main traffic generators in this area.

Our 2019 funding project proposal announced here today by the NBDT&I will see a \$767,387 total project investment on Leonard Drive with the Town’s contribution set at \$115,109 of this important project. The project focused on reconstruction of the section of Leonard drive between Eveleigh and Bryant Drive by completely reconstructing the asphalt structure that had reached its end of its useful life.

Leonard Drive, Project History:

Year	Requested Funding	Funding Approved	Municipal Contribution	
2013	\$170,188	\$0	\$0	
2014	\$170,188	\$0	\$0	
2015	\$170,188	\$172,000	\$0	
2016	\$241,585	\$0	\$48,317	20% funding, first year where municipalities were required to cost share provincial highways.
2017	\$560,982	\$560,982	\$84,147	15%, reduced due to mine closure
2018	\$767,388	\$0	\$115,109	15% offered.
2019	\$767,388	\$767,388	\$115,109	Reconstruction 2019.

Eveleigh Street is also part of the provincial street network which links traffic with the community center, the regional hospital and education facilities from traffic that flows from Route #1 and traffic that flows from downtown Sussex and the Village Of Sussex Corner and beyond from Route #121. In the simplest of terms this street is beyond preventative maintenance, this requiring complete reconstruction.

Our 2019 funding project announced here today by the NBDT&I will see a \$187,403 project investment with the Town’s contribution set at \$28,110 of this important project. The project focused on placement of the necessary infrastructure to complete asphalt reconstruction scheduled in 2020. The project will focus on completing the necessary storm sewer work to control surface water drainage, installation of curb and gutter along with the Town of Sussex through an additional investment installing sidewalk from Leonard Drive to secure safe pedestrian travel to the Sussex Sharing Club and the Dental Offices located on Eveleigh Street.

Eveleigh Street, Project History

Year	Requested Funding	Funding Approved	Municipal Contribution	Notes
2013	\$72,053	\$0	\$0	
2014	\$72,053	\$0	\$0	
2015	\$72,053	\$73,000	\$0	
2016	\$72,053	\$0	\$14,010	20% funding, first year where municipalities were required to cost share provincial highways.
2017	\$132,250	\$132,350	\$19,838	15%, reduced due to mine Closure
2018	\$187,403	\$0	\$28,110	15% offered.
2019	\$187,403	\$187,403	\$28,110	Upgrade work to be completed in 2019.

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Project Issue Summary
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Property Tax and Employment Statistics:

Provincial / Municipal Statistics		Project Amount
1.	Annual Provincial Property Taxes collected	\$606,228
2.	Annual Municipal Property Taxes Collected	\$987,751
3.	Properties Assessed with Business Active	88
4.	Properties currently vacant	18
5.	Employment numbers, persons currently employed 2018	794
6.	Volunteers, contributing	84

The Town shares with the NBDT&I this investment and the necessary projects to address Designated Highways in the Sussex Region, the current economic issues, and the importance of these projects to the local dynamics that can assist in decision making for future growth of the Sussex Region.

If you have any questions or require clarification please contact our town office at your convenience for the Town to provide you with the required information.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Mayor Marc Thorne,

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