



FINANCIAL SERVICES

TO:	Council	
DATE:	July 12, 2022	DIVISION: 1
FILE:	0650	APPLICATION: N/A
SUBJECT:	Local Improvement Update – Range Road 34	

POLICY DIRECTION:

Section 393 of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA) provides that a group of owners in a municipality may petition the council for a local improvement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 25, 2022, Council received for information a declaration of sufficient petition for the local improvement of Range Road 34. At the time of the petition, three of the four properties adjacent to Range Road 34 signed in favor of paving the existing gravel road. More recently, one of the owners that originally signed in favor has since notified the County that they are no longer supportive of the local improvement, leaving two owners in favor and two owners against the local improvement.

Although the petition is still valid, as the County cannot remove a name from a petition, considering only half of the property owners are in support, Administration is respectfully recommending that the local improvement for Range Road 34 not proceed.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends not proceeding with the local improvement in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

On January 25, 2022, Administration presented a report on the local improvement to Range Road 34. Council directed Administration to prepare and send a Local Improvement Plan to all affected landowners for the upgrade of a 700m gravel portion of Range Road 34 to a paved standard. The estimated cost of the local improvement was \$400,000 and the County was going to participate with up to 20% funding.

The local improvement was initiated as a result of a petition that the County received. Four properties adjacent to the road signed the petition for the local improvement; three in favor and one against. Since that time, one of the owners who had signed in favor has notified the County that they are no longer in favor of the local improvement.

As set out in the MGA, the County cannot remove a name from a petition; however, section 396 of the MGA states that a municipality “may” undertake the local improvement. In light of the support for the local improvement now being only 50% of the owners that would be subject to the local improvement tax, Administration is respectfully recommending that the County not proceed with the local improvement at this time.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications at this time.



OPTIONS:

Option #1: THAT that the County not proceed with the Local Improvement Plan to pave a portion of Range Road 34, and that Administration be directed to notify the owners adjacent to Range Road 34.

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Kent Robinson”

“Dorian Wandzura”

Executive Director
Corporate Services

Chief Administrative Officer

BW/sr