



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Jason Post, Public Works Manager
Date: March 6, 2026
Subject: 2026 Dust Control Contract One-Year Extension

Recommendation:

That Council authorize a one-year contract extension with Da-Lee Chemicals for the supply and application of calcium chloride for dust control on the Township's gravel road network.

Background:

In April 2024, the Township partnered with neighbouring municipalities in a group purchasing tender administered by Peterborough County (Tender T-13-2024). Da-Lee Chemicals was awarded the contract, which included two optional seasonal renewals. The 2026 season represents the final renewal option.

Analysis:

Dust control application typically begins in mid-May, depending on conditions. The Township has historically used approximately 170,000 L of calcium chloride annually. For 2026, staff recommend reducing usage to 140,000 L due to progress made under the Township's "*Five-Year Surface Treatment Plan*". Eleven kilometres of roadway have now received double surface treatment and no longer require dust-control application.

Financial Implications:

DaLee Chemicals has requested a 5% price increase for 2026. The 2025 rate was \$0.38/L; the adjusted rate for 2026 would be \$0.40/L. Based on the proposed 140,000 L application; the estimated 2026 cost is \$56,000. This represents a \$1,700 increase to the Township's budget and has been reflected in the 2026 Materials budget (10-06-0600-4600).



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Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Infrastructure:

Investments in Municipal Infrastructure:

1. Ensure that existing infrastructure is sustained prior to expanding and/or investing in new infrastructure, reflective of the Asset Management Plan (AMP)

Governance:

Maintain a strong, accountable municipal government:

1. Maintain policies and processes that enable effective governance
2. Provide quality community programs and services
3. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication

In Consultation With:

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Attachment:

None