

## Criteria for Surface Treatment

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### Policy Statement

To guide the Township of Douro-Dummer in establishing which roads to convert to surface treatment.

**Purpose:** To guide the Township of Douro-Dummer Council and staff in determining whether a road section is eligible to be converted to surface treatment.

**Application:** Township of Douro-Dummer Council and staff.

#### Definitions:

**Rural Roadside Environment:** (areas with sparse development)

An area where there are 8 or less developed properties with a principal use within 500 metres. If both sides of the road are developed the standard is 4 or less developed properties on each side of the road with a principal use within 300 metres.

**Semi-Urban Roadside Environment:**

An area that has 8 or more developed properties with a principal use within 500 metres on one side, no curbs and gutters, and with or without storm sewers. If both sides of the road are developed the standard is 4 or more developed properties on each side of the road with a principal use within 300 metres.

**Urban Roadside Environment:**

An area that has 8 or more developed properties with a principal use in a span of less than 500 metres on one side. The majority of the lot frontages are less than 50 metres with curb and gutter on both sides, with/ or served by storm/combination sewers or curb and gutter on one side, with/ or served by storm/combination sewers or reversed paved shoulders with/ or served by storm/combination sewers for subdivisions.

**Exclusions:** None.

**References & Related Policies:**

Township of Douro-Dummer Road Needs Study.  
Inventory Manual by the MTO.

**Consequences of Non-Compliance:**

Failure of Council or staff to follow this policy may result in implementation of the provisions of the disciplinary policy.

**Review Cycle:** This policy shall be reviewed by the Manager of Public Works on an annual basis.

**Procedures**

Regardless of the above definitions and in accordance with Council Resolution Number 329-2019, (September 3, 2019) all pre-existing surface treated roads will remain as such.

**Resolution Number 329-2019**

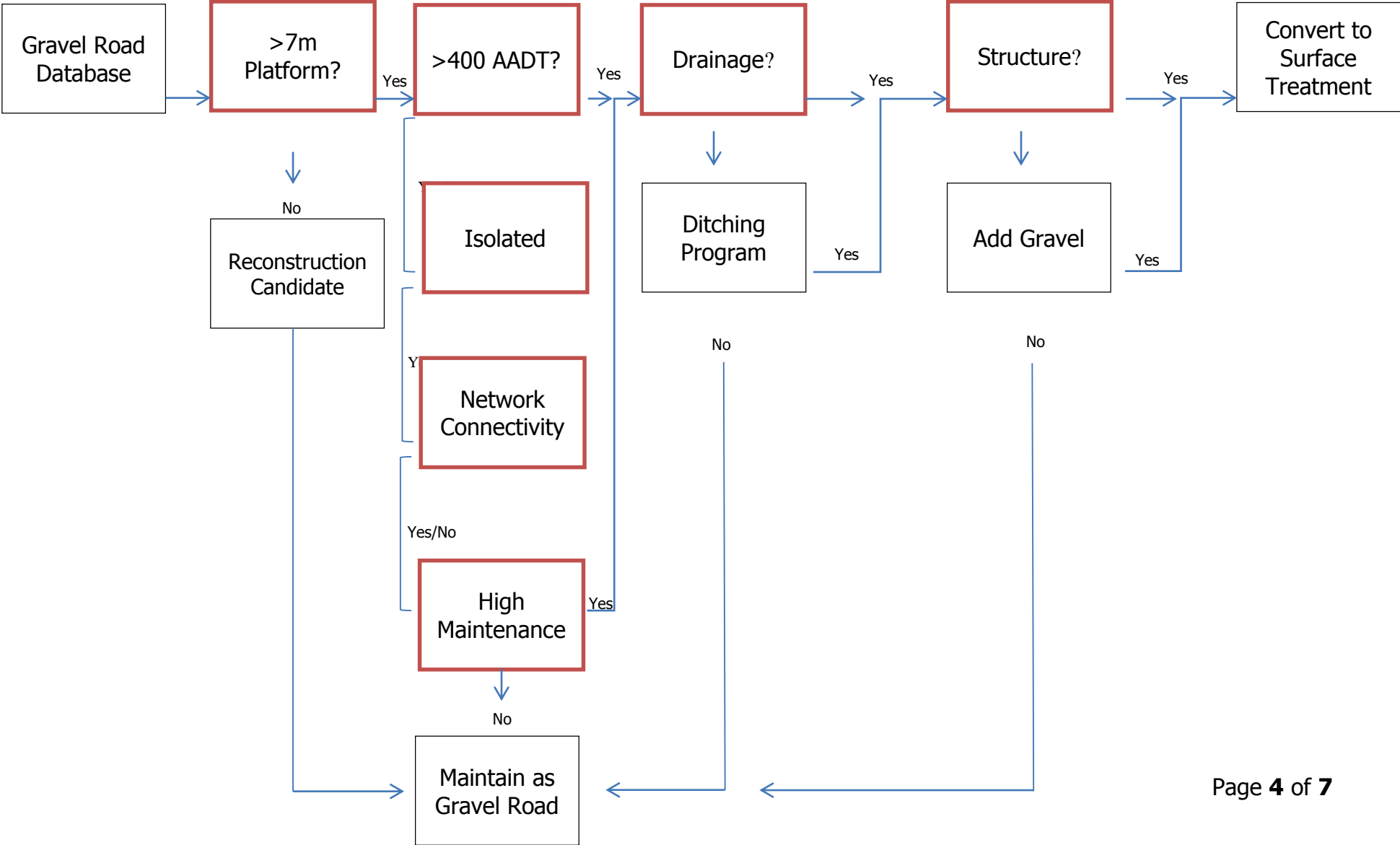
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Moher                      Seconded by: Councillor Landsmann

That Council receive the Memo regarding notes from the Special Council meeting on road issues keep on August 8, 2019.....

And that the Surface treatment long term plan will be revised to incorporate a grandfathering of existing hard surface roads into future plans to leave these surface treated roads; Staff will provide a revised plan to incorporate these roads; .....

Carried

### Gravel Road Conversion Decision Matrix



Road Scoring System

**Road Name:**

Road Section:

Location:

MTO

Classification:

Traffic Count:

Date of Scoring: \_\_\_\_\_

**0%**

Criteria		Score
<b>&gt; 7m Platform</b> (Minimum of 6m of road and 0.5m of shoulder)	10	
<b>&gt; 400 AADT</b> (Annual Average Daily Traffic Count)	40	0
<b>Isolated (Location of road)</b> (Travel time for grader)	5	
<b>Network Connectivity</b>	5	
<b>High Maintenance</b> (Cost to maintain as a gravel road)	20	
<b>Drainage</b> (Ditching)	10	
<b>Structure</b> (Base Layer)	10	
Total Score out of 100		0

Notes:

## Scoring Explanation

### >7m Platform:

10 - The platform width would have to be 6 metres of travel of surface and 0.5 metres of shoulder on both sides of road. It is the best practice to try and achieve a 7 metre platform. The road score will decrease by the percentage of sections where it does not reach 7 metres.

### >400 AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic Count):

When calculating the score, rounding rules will apply.

Example:

Traffic count of 176 ( $176 \div 400 = 44\%$ )

44% of 40 = 17.6

Therefore the score would be 18

Traffic count of 173 ( $173 \div 400 = 43\%$ )

43% of 40 = 17.2

Therefore the score would be 17

40 – Traffic count would be greater than or equal to 400

20 – Traffic count would be equal to 200

0 – Traffic count of 0

### Isolated:

0 – Not isolated, the time to get to the road section would be less than 20 minutes of travel time for the grader.

5 – Is considered to be an isolated road, the travel time for the grader would be approximately 20 minutes or greater with no other road to be graded on route.

### Network Connectivity:

The Township section of road helps to link traffic routes with other Township roads that have higher traffic counts.

5 - The section of road helps to link various significant travel routes.

0 – Dead end road.

### High Maintenance as gravel:

The maintenance cost is based on an average from grading, sand and snowplowing operations and the location of a road section (i.e. East and West sections of road are generally fairly shaded and require more maintenance, whereas North and South sections of road are generally sun covered and do not require as much maintenance.) Surface treatment of a road could decrease the maintenance cost.

0 – Average cost to maintain road.

20 – Higher cost to maintain road section as gravel.

### Drainage:

10 – Road section has been properly ditched to allow drainage away from road

5 – 50% of road section requires ditching

0 – 90 % of road section requires ditching

**Structure (base layer):**

- 10 – No issues with base heaving and soft spots. The base is withstanding the traffic volume.
- 5 – Base is in moderate condition. Apply gravel and possibly cloth.
- 0 – Road section requires attention with base heaving, undesirable material is present for base (i.e. top soil)

**Overall Total Score:**

At a score of 45 we would need to review the road for surface treatment

- a more accurate traffic count will be taken
- would go through matrix again

At a score of 51, it would trigger further review through budgeting before surface treatment.

A high score does not necessarily mean the road will receive surface treatment. It will help to determine the order of road sections that will be considered in the budget.

**Note: Decisions to move forward with surface treatment would be the ultimate decision of Township Council and budgetary constraints.**