



ISSUE PAPER

Parks & Recreation

Budget Year: 2026

Issue Paper No.: FAC-02-26

Description: Issue Paper – South Public Works Shop Doors

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Purpose: To secure funding to replace the failing bay doors at the South Public Works facility on Victoria Street.

Background:

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining and improving the essential infrastructure that supports daily life in the community. From roads and sidewalks to winter snow removal and drainage, our small but mighty team works year-round to keep the Township safe, accessible, and well-maintained. In a small rural municipality like Cramahe, Public Works play a vital role in ensuring reliable services and a high quality of life for residents.

Cramahe Townships Public Works department operates out of two shops to help response times to the vast areas they cover. The south shop, located at 34 Victoria Street in Colborne, holds various pieces of equipment that are required daily and in emergency situations. This shop has 5 bay doors that are failing and need replacement.

Consultations/Options:

Staff have met with a contractor from within Northumberland County and replacement of all 5 bay doors was recommended due to their age and current condition.

Automatic motors with remotes for vehicles were also recommended and quoted.

Financial Impact:

\$55,000 will cover the cost to replace the 5 doors and add motors to each of them.

Recommended Source of Funding:

Taxation.

Risk Considerations:**Safety Risks**

- Malfunctioning doors can fall, jam, or close unexpectedly, putting mechanics, operators, and visitors at risk.
- Older torsion springs, cables, and tracks are more likely to fail suddenly.

Operational Risks

- Delayed emergency response as Public Works relies on quick deployment of snowplows, dump trucks, utility vehicles, etc.
- Misaligned or unpredictable doors can hit vehicle roofs, mirrors, or attachments, causing costly repairs.

Facility and Asset Protection Risks

- Doors that don't seal properly cause heat loss and higher winter utility costs, water intrusion during storms and increased corrosion on vehicles and shop equipment.
- Gaps enable rodents or birds to enter, damaging wiring, insulation, and stored materials.

Impact on Member Municipalities/Partners:

None.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan Pillar:☒ Growth Through Diversity

Ensuring that infrastructure assets meet the emerging needs of our growing community

☒ Environmental Resilience

Invest in environmentally conscious infrastructure and municipal building efficiencies

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