

Road reconstructions to hit south Aurora in May

By Brock Weir

Spring is here and, like clockwork, Aurora is gearing up for a significant round of roadwork beginning next month.

May will see the reconstruction of portions of Bluegrass Drive, Elderberry Trail, Houdini Way, Skyview Lane, Springmaple Chase, Steeplechase Avenue, and Woodsend Crescent following Council approval this month.

All projects are part of Aurora's 10-year capital reconstruction program earmarked for this year. Design work was completed last year and these plans have been subject to a public meeting for affected area residents, touched on by Council earlier in April.

"This project has been presented to the community through a public open house and design modifications have been considered where possible to accommodate any comments received through the consultation process," said Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, in a report to Council.

The first batch of roadwork consists of Steeplechase, Bluegrass, Skyview, and Woodsend, which collectively will cost \$1,381,353.70, the funding for which has been previously approved by Council.

"All four streets in this project have a rural cross-section that includes gravel shoulders and ditches," said Mr. Simanovskis. "The road reconstruction on Steeplechase Avenue will include a 7.2m paved road with 0.6m gravel shoulders on both sides. Woodsend Crescent will include a 6.0m paved road, with 0.3m gravel shoulders on both sides. The gravel shoulders have been reduced in width due to the steep road grades which have caused shoulder washouts in the past."

Collectively, the reconstructions Elderberry, Springmaple and Houdini Way are expected to clock in at \$1,103,362.

"All three streets in this project have a rural cross-section that includes gravel shoulders and ditches," said Mr. Simanovskis. "The road reconstruction on Elderberry Trail will include a 7.2m paved road with 1.2m of this width reserved for pedestrian use and delineated with a white line separating the pedestrian portion from the traffic portion. The road reconstruction on Springmaple Chase and Houdini Way will include a 6.0m paved road with 0.6m gravel shoulders on both sides."