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**TOWN COUNCIL RETAINS G.D. JEWELL ENGINEERING INC.
TO EXPLORE DESIGN OPTIONS FOR BAY ROAD**

Gananoque, ON: The Town of Gananoque has retained the professional services of G. D. Jewell Engineering Inc. to explore design options for Bay Road. As part of the 2016 budget process, Town Council authorized staff to proceed with seeking the services of a qualified engineering firm to explore options that would improve the Bay Road area. Ideas included: additional trailer parking that would eliminate the need for the shuttle service, adding a second boat launch to reduce the Lion's Boat launch congestion, and creating a landscaping plan for Rotary Beach, to name a few.

G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc. is very pleased that Town of Gananoque Council and Public Works staff have agreed to take the next step in the redevelopment of Bay Road. Moving the project through the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process will encourage and incorporate public input into the design process to ensure that both the needs and concerns of the public and the Town are considered.

"We are confident that, through an open and transparent public consultation process, a plan can be developed that addresses public concerns while fulfilling the needs of the Town of Gananoque and its residents," comments Dan Fencott, Manager of G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc. "We are looking forward to moving through the design process with all affected stakeholders to arrive at a solution beneficial to all parties."

Mayor Demchuk noted that “Council feels that it is important to complete this fact-finding exercise so that we know what is and isn’t possible in this area. Bay Road is a key part of the Town’s waterfront. Council and I want to ensure that the public knows that their ideas, suggestions, and concerns will be taken into consideration before any final decisions are made.”

G.D. Jewell submitted a very detailed proposal for services with a clear understanding of the works and numerous references to the Town’s Strategic Plan 2020. Jewell has completed multiple MCEA Schedule B projects and included several waterfront projects similar to the Bay Road Project. Jewell recognizes the need to “*provide enhanced recreational facilities and generate community pride in a transparent and inclusive manner.*” Public Consultations are scheduled at the 30% and 70% stages of the process.

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