



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

DATE: April 5, 2023

SUBJECT: **Asphalt Patching Budget**

ORIGIN: 2023/24 Operating Budget

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act requires that council shall adopt an operating budget and a capital budget for each fiscal year

RECOMMENDATION: That Council include \$250,000 in the 2023/24 Streets operating budget for asphalt patching.

BACKGROUND: Each year Council approves an amount in the streets operating budget to be used for contracted asphalt patching of streets. The amount budgeted for asphalt patching of streets has not been increased in the past 5 years (2018-2022) while the cost of asphalt has increased by 46% (\$185 to \$270).

Year	Budget	\$/tonne	Tonnes Purchased
2018	\$122,000	\$185	660
2022	\$122,000	\$270	452

What this means is; the amount of asphalt patching completed within the approved budget has decreased by 32% over the past 5 years.

DISCUSSION: Increasing the Streets budget for asphalt patching from \$122,000 to \$250,000 will substantially increase the amount of patching that can be completed during the 2023 construction season, improving driving conditions for our residents and visitors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$250,000 be included in the 2023/24 operating budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The council budget session has been recorded for the public's information. A budget report will be added to the Town's website once approved by Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications associated with this decision.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications associated with this decision.



ALTERNATIVES: Do not approve the increase in funding for asphalt patching in the proposed 2023/24 operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS: None

Report prepared by: