



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2018123

Date: September 24, 2018

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

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SUBJECT: Heritage Gas Memorandum of Understanding

ORIGIN: Various discussions with Heritage Gas representatives.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA Section 61 (1) A municipality may enter into an agreement with any person for the provision of a service or a capital facility that the municipality is authorized to provide.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve entering into the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Amherst and Heritage Gas for the provision of asphalt patching services.

BACKGROUND: Under the current operating agreement between Heritage Gas and the Town, Heritage is responsible to restore Town streets in accordance with the Town's policies, applicable to Heritage's operations.

DISCUSSION: Heritage staff have indicated that due to the low volume of asphalt restoration work they are required to do in the Town, they sometimes find scheduling of this work difficult with local asphalt contractors. Furthermore, as Heritage service cuts are waiting to be patched the Town receives inquiries from the public and often tops up the gravel in the cuts to ensure an acceptable driving surface is provided until the asphalt is properly repaired. Having the Town include the Heritage service cuts within our contract for asphalt patching will allow the Heritage service cuts to be repaired in a more timely manner. Furthermore, Town staff would prefer to be in charge of the Heritage service cut restoration as the Town is ultimately responsible to the public for the condition of the streets.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The number of Heritage service cuts varies from year to year, but is generally in the range of 5 -10. This would equate to approximately \$1,500 - \$3,000 in additional revenue for the Town.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: As this issue involves a contract negotiation, it is not subject to community engagement at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications to entering into the memorandum of understanding.



ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not enter into the memorandum of understanding.

ATTACHMENTS: Heritage Gas Operating Agreement.

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: