

Synopsis

Erncliff Street CNR Crossing – Capital Budget Amendment

In May of this year staff were made aware that CN and the Town were required to make upgrades to 4 railway crossings within the Town due to changes made by Transport Canada to safety regulations at all CN street crossings across Canada. The street crossings impacted within Amherst include Industrial Park Drive, Chamberlain Street, Victoria Street and Erncliff Street.

Since that meeting CN has made an application to Transport Canada to help fund the cost of the new gates. The application was successful and under the Railway Safety Act the Road Authority (Town) is required to pay 12.5% of the project cost. In this case the project includes the installation of new gates and warning system at a total project cost of \$423,012. The Town's portion would be \$52,877. In order to qualify for the grant, the work has to be complete by March 31, 2019.

The current capital budget does not include funding for this project. However, we are proposing to reallocate funds and fund this project within existing capital budgeting funding.

MOTION:

That Council authorize approval of \$52,877 to be allocated in the current (2018/19) Capital Budget for the Town's contribution to the installation of new warning gates at the Erncliff Street railway crossing and that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the attached Crossing Warning System Modification Agreement.