



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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TO: Mayor Kogan and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Hydrant Replacement

ORIGIN: 2019/20 Water Utility Capital Budget Item

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: 37000-01 Procurement Policy and the MGA, Section 65 (z)
Power to expend money states: *"The council may expend money required by the municipality for...water".*

RECOMMENDATION: That \$12,500 be allocated in the 2019/20 water capital budget to continue the program of replacing old fire hydrants.

BACKGROUND: During the course of a year a number of hydrants become damaged or are beyond repair and need to be replaced with a new hydrant that meets the current standard. The cost of a single hydrant is approximately \$1,500 each.

DISCUSSION: The Water Utility will continue to replace or upgrade our hydrants as necessary to ensure safe and reliable emergency equipment. Hydrants will be inspected by staff and appropriate hydrants will be replaced. Last year we replaced four fire hydrants.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$12,500 to be included in the 2019/20 water capital budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: No community engagement has been contemplated at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications of replacing fire hydrants.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications to the purchase of new fire hydrants.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not approve the replacement of any hydrants at this time.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by:

