



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: **Water Meter 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 utility capital budget to continue the program of replacing old water meters.

BACKGROUND: During the course of a year a number of meters become worn out or are beyond repair and need to be replaced with a new meter that meets the current standard. The cost of a single meter is approximately \$150 each for the larger meters the price can be over \$2000 for a single meter.

DISCUSSION: The Water Utility will continue to replace or upgrade our meters as necessary to ensure consistent reliable data. Meters are replaced as necessary when meter readings become problematic. Typically we usually purchase approximately 80 water meters per year.

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications of replacing water meters.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications to the purchase of new water meters

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



ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: