



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: **CNR crossing improvements - Industrial Park Dr.**

ORIGIN: 2019/20 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...acquisition of equipment, materials, vehicles, machinery, apparatus, implements and plant for a municipal purpose".*

RECOMMENDATION: That \$54,785 be allocated in the 2019/20 capital budget to improve CNR crossings.

BACKGROUND: In 2017 the Canadian Transportation Safety Board did a comprehensive survey of the four CNR level crossings in Amherst. It was found that there were issues with all of the crossings and CNR met with Town staff in early fall to discuss how these crossings could be made safer.

DISCUSSION: CNR shared a number of safety issues that are TOA responsibilities to improve safety at the four level. These include line of sight issues for the crossing and driveway access too close to the crossings. CNR plan to address their own issues which include upgrades to lights and crossing signals. It will be the Town's responsibility to address the issues outside of the CNR right of way. There is really no alternative to the addition of the gates on Industrial Park Drive as this is a main entrance to our industrial park and there is no alternative street access to the South Albion Street / Robert Angus Drive area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$54,785 to be included in the 2019/20 capital budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Community engagement will be in the form of press releases and hand delivered notices for those residences affected.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ALTERNATIVES: None



ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: