



## 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:** **Abbey Road – Victoria to Elmwood Drive: Pulverize and Pave**

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**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 \$28,000 be allocated in the 2019/20 capital budget to pulverize and pave Abbey Road from Victoria St to Elmwood Drive.

**BACKGROUND:** Abbey Road from Victoria St to Elmwood Drive has deteriorated significantly in the past few years. This section of road was used as part of the main detour route during the reconstruction of Victoria Street. As a result of this detour, a significant volume of heavy commercial traffic passed through the area causing increased wear and damage. This road segment received a rating of 5/10 during this year’s asphalt inspections.

**DISCUSSION:** Pulverizing and paving this road segment is required to return the road section to an acceptable condition. An asphalt overlay would only work as a short term solution; reflection cracking and subgrade damage would show at the surface within a few years. Pulverizing and paving this section would extend the life of the surface, and would alleviate the need for a full reconstruction.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$28,000 to be included in the 2019/20 capital budget.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Notices and press releases would be issued to all residents affected by this project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** Pulverizing the existing asphalt and re-using it for the subgrade of the new street will reduce the need for gravel to be brought onto the site.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Defer to a future budget and perform routine maintenance on the road section.



**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: