



## 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:** **Park Street at West Pleasant Street Intersection Improvements**

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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 \$10,000 be allocated in the 2019/20 general capital budget to make improvements to Park Street at West Pleasant Street intersection.

**BACKGROUND:** As directed by council, the Traffic Authority reviewed the intersection of Park and West Pleasant Street. The issue is the width of the intersection, placement of the stop sign on Park Street and the safety concerns voiced by members of the public.

The end of Park Street as it intersects with West Pleasant Street is of poor design. The width of Park Street expands from 11.5 meters where the stop sign is currently placed to a width of approximately 28.5 meters at the mouth. The stop sign is approximately 16 meters from the intersection of the two streets.

The existing intersection has a potential to create some confusion to motorists. Vehicles headed north on Park Street have to move past the stop sign to ensure proper visibility. Vehicles headed west on West Pleasant Street and making the left turn onto Park Street can conceivably cut across the path of vehicles on Park Street.

**DISCUSSION:** To improve the geometry of the intersection, Park Street would be narrowed at the intersection and the stop sign moved closer to the intersection. These changes would enhance safety and better direct/divert traffic through this intersection. Extending the sidewalk in front of 2 Park Street and narrowing the road at the mouth of the intersection would also provide an opportunity to move the adjacent crosswalk closer to the intersection and provide better visibility for both pedestrians and motorists.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$10,000 to be included in the 2019/20 general capital budget – Operations staff will carry out the work and only the materials required will be capitalized.



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Should Council approve this project, staff will prepare a communications plan for impacted residents and may hold a public meeting prior to commencing construction.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** There are no environmental implications to this intersection re-alignment.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications to the redesign of the intersection.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Do not approve the intersection improvements at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Design Map for Intersection

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Report and Financial approved by: